

# The Adventurers: A new exploration of the archives

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as aforesaid: And it is further ordered  
that aforesaid purchase & on any other  
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# Preface

This document is a full transcription of the *Proceedings of the Adventures* for the period March 1640 to February 1651. The original document is held by the Cambridgeshire Archives in Ely (Reference: KBLC/2/1/4).

The entries are ordered by date and paragraph number for each date. Where possible the original spelling has been retained except in a few cases where the meaning of the word would be hard to distinguish by a modern reader. Modern punctuation has, however, been added to make the text more readable (commas and full stops).

Entries in bold – e.g. **[Page 3]** show the original page numbers.

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Date	No	Text
09/03/50	1	[Page 1] Sir Miles, Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Dereham, Mr Carill, Mr Jenyns, Mr Lukins
09/03/50	2	Ordered that all deede of sale of defaulters lands bearre date the same day that the land comprised therein was sold and that the whole shall buy on contract for person or persons the same or such as hee or they shall nominate to be entered in the clarke booke as shall bee the parte of partes to the deede.
09/03/50	3	And that the trader be the first that seale the same and the clarke is to enter in the booke of entries, noe as surname untill the reader have sealed the same or that the clarke see an acquittance or nere, and a certificate from the taker that the money is paid and upon the sealing of the assurance accordinge to the Act, the purchasors name is the be put into the tax roll
		Edward Partherich, James Ingram
09/03/50	4	Forasmuch as the Company were surplus in the sealing of a deede of sale of 500 acres of defaulters land late belonging to the late Earle of Bullingbrooke purchased by John Darrill Esquire the 19th November last, whereby the Company conceives they were defrauded of a taxe of 15d per acre due the 11th February last part, [Page 2] in regard the said deede was dated the 19th of the same month of February and contayned discharge of all taxes formerly due, whereas the said taxe due the said 11th February was unpaid, and in regard the consideration of money therein mentioned to be in hand, paid to the treasurer, was not paid, it is ordered the said deede be made void and cancelled.
09/03/50	5	And for as much as the taxes of £2 part imposed upon the aforesaid 500 acres the eleventh of June last and one month thereof due the 25th of the same month and the other month thereof payable the first of August following, and also one other tax of 15d per acre imposed upon the said 500 acres the 28th of January last and due the 11th of February followinge are hitherto unpaid, it was put to the question whether the sale of the said 500 acres to Mr Carill the 19th of November last were voyd or not, and resolved in the affirmative.
12/03/50	1	Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Gorges, Mr Marsham, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch, Mr Ingam, Mr Lukins
12/03/50	2	Ordered that the treasurer provide a booke for such of the inhabitants of the Cuntrie to subscribe alphabetically as are willinge to have the worke of dreyning proceede
12/03/50	3	It was put to the question whether the 500 acres heretofore sold to Mr Carrill were saleable or not and resolved in the affirmative
12/03/50	4	Ordered that the Company meeete dayly at 9 of clocke in the morning and two in the afternoone untill theire next meetinge at Wisbich
13/03/50	1	[Page 3] Earle of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Trafford, Mr Jenyns
13/03/50	2	Memorand. Sir Cornelius Vermuyden hath undertaken to be at Wisbich on Friday come a sennight beinge the 22nd of March instant, and to stake out the marke against Monday next following.

13/03/50 3 Ordered that the Company goe on taking of the names of such of the Adventurers and Participants as have not subscribed in the present roll of articles that they may proceede accordinge to the former order.

13/03/50 4 Ordered that all contractors or purchasors of defaulters lande shall nominate and deliver to the clarke of the Company the name or names of such person or persons to whome the conveyance of the lande soe contracted for or purchased, shall be made to be entered in the booke of orders and it is further ordered that all defaulters lande soe contracted for or purchase, shall be accordingly conveyed and assured to the person or persons soe nominated, and such nomination is either to be expressed in the conveyance or else to be endorsed on the backside thereof as a memorandum

Signed - Bedford, Robert Henley

14/03/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Edmund Partherich, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Gorges, Mr Jones, Mr Latch, Dr Bates, Mr Trafford, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bradley

14/03/50 2 Mr Henley moveing the Company that his journey to Wisbich might be spared in regards of treasurershipp and that hee is not well disposed to travell, the Company have lefte the consideration thereof to himselfe whether to goe himselfe or to send his sonne

14/03/50 3 Moved that according to an order of the 13th of March instant Robert Castell Esqr hath nominated Robert Gale of London, merchant, and Edmond Page of London, habberdashor, and delivered their names to the clarke of the Company to the intent that the 1000 acres belonging to Mr William Tyrriingham may be conveyed unto them viz - to each of them 500 acres.

16/03/50 1 **(Page 4)** Ordered that the clarke henceforward enter noe deede of sale made by any perticular Adventurer of his owne land untill the same be acknowledged by the partie or parties that sealed the same unlesse it bee by order from the Company and that the partie that makes such deede appeare by the tax roll to have as great a quantity at least as it contayned in such deede of sale. And that the said deede comprehendeth in what perticular lott ennie quantity of land conveyed by such deede is entered to make some memorand upon the tax roll against ennie perticular lott wherein it lieth of the quantity of land sold and to whome

Signed Edward Russsell, Robert Henley

16/03/50 2 Ordered by the consent of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden knight and William Wakefield of London, merchant, that the deede of sale of foure hundred acres from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the said William Wakefield, dated the sixthe of Aprill 1649, and entered in the booke of entries be vacated and that a newe deede be made of two hundred acres in the first lott from the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the said William Wakefield.

Signed Edward Russell  
Robert Henley

16/03/50 3 For as much as Marke Bradley gent hath paid taxes of £2.06.00 per acre imposed the 11th of June last for 433 acres and 1 in the 8th lott whereas hee ought to have paid but for 300 acres, it is ordered that the treasurer restore to Mr Bradley the moneys by them over paid.

Signed Edward Russell  
Robert Henley

16/03/50 4 Ordered that Mr Latham be sent unto that sometyme in Easter terme next hee make it appeare to the Company by what case hee claymes 400 acres [**Page 5**] in the 8th lott which Mr Bradley also claymed under Dr Sams, in regard Mr Lathum paid not £200 according to this deede dates the first of June 1636.

Edward Russell  
Robert Russell

16/03/50 5 According to an order of the 13th of March instant Dr Bate hath nominated Fabian Phillips of the Middle Temple London Esquire and Richard Bate of London, habberdasher, and declared their names to the clarke of the Company to be entered to the intent that 250 acres parte of the 2000 acres that hee purchased in the 8th lott, late belonging to Dr Sams, may be conveyed to the said Fabian Phillips and that 500 acres thereof may be conveyed to the said Richard Bate.

Edward Russell  
Robert Henley

16/03/50 6 According to an order of the 13th March instant Alexander Jones, merchant, hath nominated John Jones of Harrcott in the county of Oxon clerke and delivered his name to the clerke of the Company to be entred to the intent that the 400 acres in the 8th lott which hee contracted for may bee conveyed to the said John Jones and his heires accordingly.

Edward Russell  
Robert Henley

25/03/50 1 Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Marke Bradley gent

25/03/50 2 A question beinge made whether Mr Adams had relinquished his bargaine unto Mr Edward Russell and whether an order touchinge these was entered into the booke of the Company, Mr Henley doth now declare that if there bee any such order entred hee doth relinquish his bargaine and the said Edward Russell contynue an Adventurers upon his owne tithe.

The Company according to former order adjourne to meete at Wisbich on Tuesday next  
beinge the 26th of March instant

Robert Henley  
Isaac Jones

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27/03/50 1 [**Page 7**] Earl of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Edward Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Dustell, Mr Ingram, Mr Dodson, Mr Lukins

27/03/50 2 Ordered that consideration bee taken in the afternoone howe all fundamentall orders of concernement made or to be made by the Company may soe contynue in force as noe subsequent order shall be repugnant thereunto

Edward Partherich

28/03/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Edmund Russell, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Castell, Mr Marsham, Mr Ingram, Mr Trafford, Mr Dodson, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Lukins

28/03/50 2 Whereas many orders formerly made upon long debate and mature deliberation for the speedy and effectuall carryinge on of the [Page 8] worke of dreyninge and otherwise, in relation thereunto have bene, by subseqnent orders, altered, revoked, suspended or some wayes impaired, whereby the workes have not only bene retarded to the prejudice of the Company but theire whole proceedings rendered doubtfull and uncertaine, to the endangering of the very being of the Company, for the prevention whereof, in tyme to come, it is unanimously agreed ordered and assented unto that all orders, hereafter made, whereunto this ensuing clause shall be added viz - (this order not to be altered revoked, suspended or impeached but by soe many of the Adventurers and Participants as are owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres at the least) that then ennie such order shall contynue, stand good and be effectuall to all intente and purposes untill the same shall be revoked, altered or suspended by soe many of the said Adventurers and Participants as are or shall be owners of 55000 acres parcell of the said 95000 acres. And for the due performance and observation of this order, the Adventurers and Participants doe by subscribing there names binde themselves.

Signed

Bedford  
 St John  
 Edward Russell  
 Eds Partherich  
 John Marsham  
 Jo Thurloe  
 Robert Castell  
 James Ingram  
 John Trafford  
 Robert Henley  
 William Dodson  
 Sidenham Lukins

28/03/50 3 Whereas by an order made upon the sale of the parcell of the 15000 acres not devided into lotts and the conveyance in pursuance thereof, the purchasors are to pay their first payment upon the 28th day next after £10000 paid in by the Adventurers and Participants to their treasurer for the tyme being towards the work of dreyning and such notice hereof, given as in the said order, is expressed and soe enie other payment upon enie 28th day next following the said 28th day untill the whole purchase money be paid and whereas the intent of the said order and conveyance was that the said £10000 soe be paid in to the said treasurers as aforesaid was not only to bee paid in before the said first payment of the said purchase money should begin but all or great part thereof appended and laid out in and upon the work of dreyning and whereas notice was given to the said purchasor upon the seaventh day of this instant March that the said 10000 acres was paid in to the said treasurer and yet to this day noe parte thereof is laid out upon the said worke of dreyning, it is now thought fitt and ordered that the said purchasor shall have further tyme for the payment of all theire severall payments (viz - their first payment to be made upon the 28th day next after such dayes and tymes as the same ought to have bene paid by the said conveyance and soe enie other successive payment to be made accordingly viz - upon enie 28th day next followinge the said last mentioned 28th day and the Adventurers [Page 9] and

Participants shall and will at any time upon request of the said purchasers make newe conveyances of the said lands so sold as aforesaid upon condition for the payment of the purchase money according to such dayes and tymes as are hereby agreed upon without any other alteration

Signed

Robert Castell  
Edward Partherich

28/03/50      4      The Adventurers here present upon the place, taking into consideration what worke are necessary to be done this sumer for the dreyning all that parte of the levell that lyes betweene the Rivers of Bedford and Welland and therein advising with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden theire director, doe thinke fitt and order that the worke herein aftermentioned bee presently begun and proceeded, that is to say

- The north banke of Bedford River, indikes and all other worke of dreyning from Erith to Salters lode.
- The rivers, bank, indikes and all other worke of dreyning whatsoeuer for the bringing of the River Neane from Peterborough to Wisbich and from thence to this outfall.
- The making and repairing of Borough Banke and of all the indikes and other worke of dreyning from Peakirke to Crowland and from thence to the banke of Porland for the excluding the River Welland and further effecting of the said work of dreyning.
- That a sluice about 3 foote square be sett upon the northe banke of Bedford River neare about the West Water for the release of the Countrey with water in the tyme of drought.
- That a double sluice of about 16 foote wide be sett on the north banke of Bedford River nere Welney to issue out the downefall soe to be made that noe boates may have passage through it.
- The repairing of the sasse upon Well Creeke at Salters Lode.
- The reparration of the sasse at Stanground.
- A double sluice of about 16 foote wide to be sett in a convenient place to issue the downefall of plantwater and Bevills Leame and other rivers thereabout into the River of Wisbich, the same to be made that noe boates may have passage through it.
- [Page 10] An overtoe nere about Bevills Leame for navigation and boatage
- An overtoe below Wisbech on Elme Leame on the little river for boatage
- An overtoe upon Bull Dike nere Peterborough
- A sluice of about 3 foote wide nere about Peterborough for releasing the Countrie, water on that side and another upon Whittlesey Dike betweene Whittlesey and Thorney

- An overtoe at Guyhurne on the north side of the river for navigation to and from Crowland.
- An overtoe at Crowland for navigation.
- The enlarging and amending the sluice at Clowes Crosse for issuing the downfall through the Sheire drayne and to open the Sheire dreyne if neede be.
- And also that in draynes be made in convenient places for carrying the downefall and other waters to their severall receptacles and outfalls

This order not to be altered, revoked, suspended or impeached but by soe many of the Adventurers and Participants as are or shalbe owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 5 Instructions to be observed by the officers hereafter named to be employed in the worke of dreyning

1 That the principall overseer shall lett out all the worke and make contractes with the severall persons that undertake the same in writing, according to such instructions as hee shall receive from the Directors which hee shall enter in a booke to be kept by him and shall deliver one copie of the contract to the overseer of such worke whoe is to be resident on the worke to see the same performed, another to the expenditor and another to the clarke controller whoe is to enter the said contract in a booke, and in enie such contracte it is to be perticularly and distinctly expressed where such worke, soe contracted for, to be done, lies

2 That upon enie pay day, the under overseer shall certifie in writing under his hand howe much of the worke is done and howe much such workemen do they receave, and shall deliver a copie or copies thereof to the principall overseer and another to the expenditor whereupon the expenditor may make payment thereof and then the principall overseer shall certifie to the said clarke what money is so paid and for what by the expenditor which are by him to be entered

**[Page 11]** 3 That upon finishing of any worke, the under overseer shall certifie to the said principall overseer and expenditor in writing that the same is done accordinge to contracte and thereupon the expenditor may make payment of the money, and then the said principall overseer shall give unto the said clerke a copie of the said certificate which hee is to enter in his booke

4 That the under surveyour, hereafter nominated, shall, by the direction and appointment of the directors, lay out and measure the severall workes and cause the same to be lockspitted and shall after the severall contractes to be made by the principall overseer, and finishe the worke or any part thereof, and before the expenditor payes the salaries, either to the principall or under overseers, survey and measure the worke to see if the same is done according to the appointement of the said director, and upon the certificate that the same is done accordingly, the said expenditor shall pay unto the principall overseer and under overseer respectively their severall salaryes and in case the said principall overseer hath not pursued his directions in makeing contract, or if the under overseer shall certifie the worke done according to the contract when it is not, that then in case of any sure default in either or any of the said persons, the said surveyour shall certifie the same to the expenditor to the end

that the salary of him or them that soe offend may be respite untill satisfaction given to the director, expenditor and surveyour or any two of them and, in case it shall appeare that the same was done deceitfully, that then hee or they soe offending shall forfeite his place and salary then due. And the said surveyour, in case of certifying that the worke is done, shall send a duplicate of this certificate to the said clerke.

5 That the director of the worke doe from tyme to tyme sett out this worke in writing and one copie thereof deliver to the surveyour, another to the overseer and a third to the said clerke that keepes the contolle, whoe once everie month to send upp a copie thereof to the Company to be lefte at the howse of Mr Henley nere Temple Barr.

6 That the principall overseer shall treate with any person or persons for the purchasing of such land as shalbe required to be bought for the carrying on of the work or dreyning and to contract for the same at such rates and prices and for such estate and estates as hee can agree for, provided that such contract shall not [Page 12] be of force and binding unto the Company, unlesse the same be confirmed by William Fisher of Wisbich Esqr, Mr Claphorne surveyor generall, the said expenditor and the said other surveyours, John Turner of Eyebery gent and Captain Best of Downeham or three of them under their hande and sealed which trouble the Company desires them to take upon them which they hold themselves obliged to requite. And upon enie such contract made, the said principall overseer shall enter the same in this booke then make a true copie thereof which the said clerke whoe shall enter the same in his booke and shall leave the originall with the expenditor whoe shall pay such some or somes of money as shalbe therein agreed upon to such person or persons to whome the same shalbe due.

7 That the principall overseer shall from tyme to tyme take care to provide tymber, wheele barrowes and other materialls requisite for the said worke, such as the said director, surveyour generall and expenditor or twoe of them shall appoint which the said expenditor is to pay for according to such rates and prizes as shalbe certifed to him by the said principall overseer under his hande and under the hand of the said undersurveyour whichcertificate is to be carryed to the clerke of the contracte to be by him entered in his booke

8 The expenditor is hereby authorised to pay all such sume or sumes of money as by the certificates of the said principall and under overseers, as aforesaid, or by the contractor for lande, worke or materialls, shalbe certifed to be due in such manner and forme as is before in the instructions specified and appointed and such certificate and contracte, and the aquittance of such person or persons as shall receive any some or somes of money thereupon, shalbe suffiicent discharge

9 That Mr Palmer shalbe undersurveyor to be imploied in the busines aforesaid and in such other as hee shalbe appointed by the Company and shall have for his salary a 100 marke per annum to be paid quarterly.

10 That William Lake be clarke controller for the purposes therein before expressed and for such other thinges as the said office of controlment shall require and for his salary hee shall have £80 per annum to be paid unto him quarterly.

[Page 13] 11 That Mr Robert Burton shalbe principall overseer of all the said worke of dreyning, to lett out all the worke of dreyning and to make contract thereupon and to doe all other thinge which hee is appointed to doe by these instructions, and for his salary he shall have £100 per annum to be quarterly paid.

12 And that John Danyell of Spalding be one of the under overseers of the worke and shall have 20s per weeke.

13 That the director, surveyour generall and expenditor doe from tyme to tyme name such and soe many other under overseers to be imployed in the said worke of dreyning as they in their discretion shall thinke fitt and to lessen and increase their number as the worke requires and enie one of them shall have 20s per weeke to be paid to them quarterly during their imployment.

14 That the expenditor doe from tyme to tyme pay unto the severall officers, imployed by the Adventurers, their severall and respective salaries at the dayes and tymes appointed to be paid under such cautions and limittations as are beforre therein expressed, and the receipt of the said severall respective officer shalbe this sufficient discharge

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 6 The Company haveinge resolved to put all the worke to be done between the twoe rivers of Bedford and Welland into hand at once, a very great some of money for buying land and materialls and paying workmen would forthwith bee required to be had there in the Countrie, the Companie therefore doe hereby order that Robert Henley Esqr their treasurer doe upon sight pay all such bills of exchange as shalbe charged upon him by Leiftenant Colonell Underwood their expenditor, notwithstanding any former order to the contrary theretofore made.

Edw Partherich  
Robert Castell

28/03/50 7 [Page 14] The Company wrote a letter to Mr Henley as followeth viz -

Sir - Wee have resolved to put in hand at once all the worke to be done between the Rivers of Bedford and Welland, wherein to proceede effectually the whole money in your hande will be required here. We have spoken with Leiftenant Colonell Underwood the expenditor to procure all the money hee can in the Countrey aswell of March, and gentlemen inhabitants hereabout, and hee informed us that hee shalbe furnished to any sume. Wee thereupon have ordered him to charge all the bills hee can upon you and by the order here enclosed have authorised you to pay all such as hee shall charge upon you which wee intreat you to be very carefull to see paid upon sight. Your sonne will informe you what else wee have done in order to the dreyning.

28th March 1650

Wisbich

28/03/50 1 Edward Partherich, Robert Castell, John Trafford, John Thurloe, Robert Henley, William Dodson, Bedford, Oliver St John, Edward Ansell, John Marsham, James Ingram, Sidenham Lukins

28/03/50 2 Whereas there appears to be £81.19.08 due to Mr Castell which hee is in surplusage upon his account, delivered in to the Company at Mr Henleys house nere Temple Barre, and whereas there is £45 of the Companyes moneys remayning in the hande of Mr John Symmes of Lynne marchant, it is now ordered that the same be by him forthwith paid to Mr Castell in parte of payment of the said sume of £81.19.08 due to him as aforesaid and whereas there is £100 paid to Mr William Wormell for the use of Mr Doubtie Wormell upon account for the deales which hee delivered Mr John

Marshall for the use of the Company, it is ordered that what remaynes of that £100 (the deales being paid for) shall alsoe be paid to the said Mr Castell and that the residue of the said some of £81.19.08 be paid to him by Lieutenant Colonell Underwood expenditor to the Company.

Edw Partheriche  
Robert Henley

28/03/50 3 The Company having thought fitt to imploy William Palmer their deputy clearke in the Countrye doe hereby order that hee speedily send by some safe hand all such books, papers, mappes and other writing concerning them which hee lately brought from London **[Page 15]** or are in his custody, to John Hopkinson at Mr Henleys house nere Temple Barre with directions to him to keepe them in safety and to attend the Company at their meetinge therewith untill Mr George Smith clarke to the Company shall returne to London or further order be by them given therein.

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 4 Whereas severall persons clayming an interest in certaine lande in Waldersey have made their addresse to the Company desiring satisfaction for such of their grownde as are to be made use of by the Adventurers for the work of dreyning, the Company have ordered that satisfaction shalbe made unto them by such persons as are, or shallbe, appointed to contract for the same or, in case they cannot agree, the Company doe resolve to give such satisfaction as shallbe ordered by the commissioners appointed by the Act of Parliament. And they doe further order that the bankes that are to be made upon the lande in Waldersey shallbe made soe substantiall as that the residue of the said lande shall receive noe prejudice thereby

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 5 Mr Castell acquainted the company that there is money owing for wheelebarrowes furnished in sumer last and thereupon it is ordered that Mr Fisher be desired with the expenditors and comptroller to audite the accoumpts of them and to speake with the persons that contracted for them and those that received them for the Companeyes use, and the expenditor is to make payment of what shall appeare upon a true accoumpt to be owing for them

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 6 **[Page 16]** Ordered that it be taken into consideration by the Company at London what recompence shalbe given to Leiftenant Colonell Dodson for the service hee did the Company in the worke sumer last

Robert Castell  
Edw Partherich

28/03/50 7 Whereas Robert Pinchbacke demande an allowance for his attendance on the sluices and looking to the materialls at the rate of 10s a weeke for 22 weekes from the 25th October 1649 to the 27th of March following, amounting to £11 and also for workemens wages amounting to £3.16.10, whereof hee hath received £2, it is ordered that the expenditor pay unto him £5 which the Company are content to allowe him in full of the said demands of £11 and the expenditor is alsoe ordered to discharge the

residue of the said £3.16.10 due to the said workemen.

Robert Henley  
Edw Partherich

11/04/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Myles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Bradley, Mr Browne

11/04/50 2 Ordered that the order of the 11th of June last whereby the tax of 2s 6d per acre was imposed upon the 95000 acres and the order of the 28th of January last whereby the tax of 8s 9d per acre was sett and imposed upon the said 95000 acres and all orders now in force heretofore made for sale of defaulters landes bee observed and put in due execution accoordinge to the purpose of the said orders, and the order of the 14th of February last and this order, nor any of the said orders to bee altered, revoke, suspensed or impeached but by so many of the Adventurers and Participants as are owners of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres at the least

Bedford  
Robert Henley

11/04/50 3 [Page 17] That the order made at Wisbich 28th day of March last is now confirmed with this addition that the clause therein mentioned for, nor all revoking, suspending and impeachinge of any former orders shall not bee added to any orders hereafter made by any fewer number of the Adventurers and Participants than so many as are or shall then bee of 30000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres att the least.

Robert Henley  
Isaac Jones

11/04/50 4 That a letter bee written by the clarke to Mr Lake clarke comptroller as followeth viz -

I am comanded by the Company to lett you know they expect that, accoordinge to an order to that purpose, you forthwith signifie unto them the present state and progres of the workes, in perticular what workes are in hand, how farre they have proceeded and what number of men are employed, what money is weekly expended on the workes for purchase of landes or otherwise and such other particulars concerninge the same as you conceive may tend to theire satisfaction and they expect a letter from you every fortnight to this purpose besides the monethely account you are to give to the said Company, according to their order at Wisbech. You are likewise to write what carryers or foote posts goe from Wisbech to London and what theire names are and where they reside that so upon all occasions letters may be sent accoordingly. This being all I have in charge att present doe rest

Bedford  
George Smith

11/04/50 5 Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and the rest of the contractors for landes to bee purchased for the workes that they consider and certifie with all convenient speede to the Company what landes are to bee purchased for the use of the workes this yeare between Peterborough and Guyhurne and of what quantity and value the same will be as nere at they can guess

And a letter was written accoordingly

Bedford

20/04/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Doctor Bate, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Thurloe

20/04/50 2 **[Page 18]** Ordered that Mr Latch, Andrew Henley, Mr Ingram, Mr Bradley, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gale, and Mr Page or any two of them are desired to examyn and compare the tax roll with the original deeds and evidences enclosed and certifie how they find it agrees with the same and thereupon to perfect the tax roll accordingly and they are desired to make report thereof to the Company on Mondaie next come sennight and that Robert Henley Esqr and Mr Thurloe bee desired to send to the clarke the names of the purchasors of the Kinges lande and the severall proportions of the land every one hath and in what perticular places the same lyeth

Isaac Jones  
Bedford

20/04/50 3 Memorand that a copie of St Ives law bee searched for and produced whereby Sir Thomas Danes may bee better satisfyed touchinge his demands made to the Company

20/04/50 4 Ordered that in regard Mr Thurloe did declare to the Company that the purchasors of the Kings land will make payment of the purchase money so as the workes shall bee supplyed and not stand still, it is ordered that the conveyance of the said landes bee now sealed by the Company upon the same. The covenants and conditions as the former deed save only that the first payment of the said purchase may bee made payable the 2nd daie of May next and the subsequent payments to bee made in tyme accordinge to the order at Wisbich and that the condition for forfeiture (in case of non payment) bee lymitted to 28 daies after every daie of payment.

Bedford  
W Crane

22/04/50 1 Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Doctor Bate, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Jenyns, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne, Mr Marshall

22/04/50 2 Whereas Sir Miles Sandys, hvinge 2700 acres in the 2nd lott and 3157 acres in the 10th lott and also 1390 acres in the 13th lott the Company for default of payment of his taxes of 15d per acre due and payable the first of March last for the whole quantity of 7247 acres taking the same into **[Page 19]** consideration, this beinge a day appointed for publique sale thereof, and the said 2700 acres beinge by order of the Company exposed to sale and Mr Thomas Bales being present offered 6s and 3d per acre for the said 2700 acres and in the second lott, as aforesaid, and none then offeringe more for the same after three tymes proposall, the Company in pursuance of the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said two thousand seaven hundred acres of Adventurers landes unto the said Mr Thomas Bales and his heires and doe order that a conveyance thereof bee made accordingly unto the said Mr Bales and his heires or to such person or persons and theire heires respectively as hee shall nominate and appoint, in such manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament is lymitted, for 6s 3d per acres as aforesaid to bee paid forthwith to Robert Henley Esqr the treasurer for the use of the Company, payinge all future taxes and payments which shall hereafter become due for the same. And it is further ordered that all arreres of taxes due for the said 2700 acres and all other the said Adventure landes, the said Sir Miles Sandys, beinge first satisfied and payed out of the some arisinge by the sale of the said 2700 acres at 6s 3d per acre as aforesaid, the residue or surplusage thereof shall bee restored to the said Sir Miles

Sandys according to the said Acte of Parliament and yet nevertheles it being acknowledged by the said Mr Thomas Bales that one thousand acres part of the said 2700 acres were bought by him the same Mr Thomas Bales for Mr John Doves use. It is agreed by him and the Company that Mr Dove bee hereby nominated a purchasor for 1000 acres part of the said 2700 acres that a conveyance thereof shall bee made unto the said Mr Dove and his heires or unto such person or persons and theire heires as hee shall nominate on the termes aforesaid.

22/04/50 3 Whereas Mr Sydenham Lukins is behinde in payinge in his 15d tax, due and payable on the first of March last, for his share or proportion of 200 acres parcell of the 2nd lott, the Company takinge the same into consideration, this beinge a publique daie appointed for sale of land the said 300 acres were exposed to sale and were then sold beinge theire propounded nomination and none offeringe more the said 200 acres were accordingly sold unto Mr Thomas Browne at 10s an acre, and it is ordered that a conveyance thereof bee made unto the said Thomas Browne and his heires or to such person or persons as hee shall nominate and appoint and to theire heires

22/04/50 4 Whereas Sir Thomas Stanley is in arrere for his 15d tax due the first of March last for his share or proportion of 800 acres parcell of the 12th lott the Company, takinge the same into consideration, this beinge a publique daie appointed for sale and being exposed to sale and propounded there, and none offeringe more, the said 800 acres were accordingly sold unto Mr Thomas Bales at the rate of 6s 3d per acre. And it is hereby sold and a conveyance thereof is ordered to bee made unto the said Mr Bales or such person or persons as hee shall nominate and appoint.

22/04/50 5 **[Page 20]** Whereas Christofer Marshall and Edward Dafferne, assigned of Sir Miles Sandys, being in arrere for the 15d tax due the first March last past pro rata for 275 acres parcell of the 13<sup>th</sup> lott, this being a publique day appointed for sale of defaulter land, the said 275 acres were then exposed to sale and Mr Thomas Browne being present offered £10 per acre for the same, whereupon on being proposed there and none offeringe more for the said land, it is hereby ordered that the said 275 acres shall bee sold unto the said Thomas Browne and his heires and that a conveyance thereof bee made unto the said Mr Browne and his heirs or the such person or persons and theire heires as hee shall nominate or appoint.

22/04/50 6 Whereas Sir Charles Harboard being in arrere *ab mitio* and a defaulter in payinge in his tax, sett and imposed upon 800 acres claymed by him in the 16<sup>th</sup> lott and forasmuch as this day being a day appointed for sale of defaulters landes, Mr Marmaduke Wyvell, being then present, offered to give 6s 3d an acres for the said 800 acres, the same being exposed to sale and there proposed to bee sold and none offeringe more, it is ordered that the said 800 acres are hereby sold unto the said Mr Marmaduke Wyvell and his heires and that a conveyance thereof bee made accordingly unto the said Mr Wyvell and his heires or to such person or persons and theire heires as hee shall nomiate or appoint.

22/04/50 7 Heads of a letter to the surveyours

- That hee take care for diking out the Adventurers proportions in the Country as it was directed to bee sett forth by the law made at St Ives in October in the 13th yeare of the king.
- That hee take notice that the Companie have byn informed that all such lands are or ought to be admeasured by 18 foote in the pole measure
- That Mr Carryer of Peterborough hath acknowledged the same to bee the custome

of fenne measure and hath lately appointed his own landes to bee sett out accordingly

22/04/50 8 Ordered that Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch or any two of them bee desired with all convenient speed to wayte on the Comissioners with the other part of the adjudication not yet sealed to desire they would bee pleased to seale the same. And that the other part that is already sealed may bee forthwith enrolled with the Chancery and there remayne of record. And the clarke is to take spetial care to examyn the same that it agree with the original alreadly sealed

22/04/50 p.m. 1 Mr Alderman Henley, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Walker, Mr B.Arthur, Mr Hampson, Mr Weston

22/04/50 p.m. 2 Ordered that all letters written by order of the Companie bee henceforth entered in a booke to bee kept for that purpose

22/04/50 p.m. 3 Memordand that against Mondaie next, the Companie will consider of the nomination of fit persons to bee resident on the workes for the yeare ensuinge for the managinge the accoumpts and affayres of the Companie according to some instructions which are to bee presented on Mondaie next for theire best advantage

22/04/50 p.m. 4 Mr Alderman Henley moved that a broke may bee sett on the default of 15d tax payable on the 15th of this month

22/04/50 p.m. 5 Ordered that Mr Bradley, one of the Adventurers, shall hereby have power to examyn all bills of expences and demands in refference to the last journey to Wisbich and Peterborough touching the adjudication and hee is to allow or disallow of the same as in his discretion shall see fitt.

24/04/50 1 **[Page 21]** Earle of Bedford, Edward Russell, Isaac Jones Esqr, Robert Henley Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, John Latch Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Marke Bradley

24/04/50 2 Upon readinge a letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden of the 15th Aprill instant as also another letter inclosed of the 17th Aprill instant from Mr Richard Kendall, the Companie, taking the same into consideration, it is ordered that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Andrew Henley and Mr Marsham bee desired to goe this afternoone to the Earle of Exeter to know if his Lordshipp does vouch and allow of the proceedinges lately nere Croyland in discharging the workemen from the workes and whether it was done with his permission and consent.

24/04/50 3 Ordered that my Lord Chief Justice St John bee desired to meeete the Company by tomorrow two of the clocke in the afternoone at the usuall place of meetinge or if not then the next day followinge

24/04/50 4 **[Page 22]** Whereas the Companie, wanting at present a great some of money to carry on the worke of dreyning effectually this somer, then the same could bee raised by a tax upon the whole levell, did by severall orders expose to sale ten thousand acres of the landes parcell of the nyne thousand five hundred acres, and noe parcell of the twentie lotts, at fiftie shillinges per acre and findinge that noe purchasors could bee gott at that rate, did afterwards expose the same to sale at fortie shillings per acre freed from all taxes for dreyninge untill adjudication in such manner as by the said severall orders is expressed, and whereas thereupon diverse persons viz - Bartholomew Wall, William Marsham, Thomas Cooke, Lillibon Long and Richard Cranes were willinge to become purchasors for nyne thousand five hundred nyne fower and a halfe thereof at the

rate and upon the termes in the said order expresed, the said Company did accordingly contracte with them for the same and did agree to accept of the said fortie shilling per acre in lieu of all taxes imposed or to bee imposed thereupon for or towards the dreyninge untill adjudication and accordingly conveyances are appointed to bee drawne for conveyinge the said [Page 23] nyne thousand five hundred nyntie five acres and a half to the said before mentioned persons in such manner as therein is expressed, now the said Companie for a further confirmation of the said orders and agreement doe hereby order and declare that the said Bartholemew Wall, William Marsham, Thomas Cooke, Lillibon Long and Richard Cranes theire heires and assigned, in consideration of the said purchase money of fortie shillinges, shall hold and enjoy the said nyne thousand five hundred nynty acres and a halfe, free from all taxes and charges sett, or to bee sett, thereon any part thereof by them or any of the Adventurers and Participants or theire heirs or assigned in the said Great Levell or of any part thereof untill that part of the levell wherein the said nyne thousand five hundred nyntie fower acres and a half shall bee adjudged to dreyned, according to the intent and meaninge of the Act of Parliament in that case provided, and from and after such adjudication or judgement given, the said 9594 acres and a halfe shall bee lyable to such future charges and taxes as shall be afterwards bee imposed for the preservation and maintenance or repayre of the outfall and such other workes as are or shall bee made for the dreyninge of that part of the said levell in which the said 9594 acres and a halfe lie and not to any other charges or taxes whatsoever untill the whole levell aforesaid shall bee adjudged dreyned according to the intent and meaning of the said Acte of Parliament. And that then and after such adjudication and judgement of the whole levell, the said 9594 acres and a halfe to be equally lyable and contributary in proportion with the residue of the said nyntie five thousand acres to all future charges for maynteninge and repayringe, onely of the said worke of dreyninge of the whole levell or any part thereof. And it is hereby further ordered that noe order heretofore made, nor hereafter to be made, for selling of land for non payment of taxes other then such as shall bee hereafter imposed for mayntenance of the outfall and workes after the aforesaid respective adjudication, shall in any case extend or be construed to extend to the selling of the said 9594 areas and a halfe or any part or parcell thereof, it being fully intended and agreed that the payment of the said fortie shillinges per acres shall bee paid and is accepted to bee paid in lieu and full satisfaction of all such taxes for dreyning as [Page 24] aforesaid. And it is further ordered that that aforesaid purchasors or any others wherein they or any of them shall procure or may have the other fower hundred acres and a halfe parcell of the said 10000 acres on the same terms, and any time before the twenty eighth day of May next and every one of the Company and every assigned purchasor whatsoever of any part of the said 95000 acres, shall signe this orders before they shall have vote in the Company and they are to take notice hereof

Bedford  
Edward Russell  
Robert Henley  
Robert Castell  
William Crane  
John Trafford  
Fra Forster  
John Carill  
John Williams  
Richard Gorges  
Alexander Blake  
William Saye  
Edward Partherich  
John Thurloe

Isaac Jones  
Henry Wakefield  
Mr Browne  
Andrew Hawley  
Robert Wingfield  
John Fountayne  
Ant Hamond  
John Hampson

26/04/50 1 [Page 25] Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henely Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Mr John Thurloe

26/04/50 2 John Hopkinsones yesterdaie went to the Earle of Exeter touchinge the late disturbance to the workemen nere Croyland to know whether it was with his Lordshipps consent, acquainted the Company that his Lordshipps answer was that hee could not denye but that hee was made acquainted with some meetinge that was nere his howse in the Country and that Justice Knarles amongst other justices of the peace was there but his Lordshipp said hee told them theire undertaking would come to noe effecte and his Lordshipp said that neyther hee himselfe nor any of his servants did acte anything in person with them and so consequently did disavow such actions

26/04/50 3 This daie Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Jones and Mr Thurloe being desired by the Companie to speake to the Earle of Exeter concerninge the disturbance that was made of the workes of dreyninge, did acquaint his Lordshipp that theire workemen upon the Borough Banke were discharged by Mr Knarles, a justice of the peace and others who did it in the name of the said Earle. The said Earle did then disclame and disavow the same and gave authority to the said Sir Edward [Page 26] Partherich, Mr Jones and Mr Thurloe to acquaint any Court of Councell before whome the said business should bee brought that he had nothinge to doe in it.

01/05/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Hamond, Mr Latch, Sir Miles Sandys, Doctor George Bale, Mr Trafford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Jennings, Mr Browne, Mr Richard Bate

01/05/50 2 That the treasurers paie unto Sir Edward Partherich the some of tenne poundes in full of his bill of charges for his journey to the fennes dated the first May instant and the like some of ten poundes is also hereby ordered to bee paid to Mr Jennings who was then there resident also with the said Edward Partherich. And it is also ordered that the said treasurer paie such monies to the Earle of Bedford as his Lordshipp hath disbursed in persuance of the Acte of Parliament on behalfe of the Company upon receipt whereof his Lordshipp will give a perticular note to the treasurer.

01/05/50 3 Earle of Bedford, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Maynstone, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Marsham, Mr Jennings, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Carill

01/05/50 4 Sir Miles Sandys sent his man Robert Gooday to acquaint the Companie hee is willinge that the 300 acres parte of 500 acres in Ramsey Comon next Wistow and Berrie Fenne and part of the 10th lott which hee bought of the Companie for default of Mr Dereham payinge taxes for the same, should now, for default of payment of taxes bee sold to Mr Robert Gale and Mr Dereham consents also thereunto, upon which message the Company did order that the said 300 acres bee put to sale and sold to such person or persons as will give most for the same according to the Acte of Parliament and the same, being this day [Page 27] accordingly put to sale, the said Mr Robert Gale offered 7s 6d per acre for the said 300 acres and to pay the future taxes growinge due for the

same after the last day of this month and nobody offering more, the said 300 acres were sold to him at the rate of 7s 6d an acre, as aforesaid, and it is hereby ordered that conveyance thereof bee made accordingly and the said Mr Robert Gale and his heires or to such person or persons as hee shall nominate and theire heires

01/05/50 5 Ordered that John Latch and Anthony Hamond Esqr bee desired, and they are hereby authorised, to goe downe to the workes in the Great Levell of the Fennes and bee resident there to take care that the contractors for the workes and land to bee purchased for the same and the clarke comptroller, surveyour and overseers of the said workes and all other inferiour officers performe theire severall offices and trusts for the best advantage of the Companye, and they, or eyther of them, shall have power to examyn the bargaines and contracts for lands to bee purchased, materials to be bought and workes to be made and all thinges concerninge the same. And in case they finde any fraud, abuse or deceite done to the Company therein then to comptrolle and make void such contracts and bargaines and to make of such respective payments and somes of mony as they or one of them shall think fitt untill satisfaction shall bee given therein. And to doe such other thinges as the shall conveive necessary and requisite for the regulatinge of the said officers in there severall imployments duringe theire or one of theire residencies upon the place to the end the monyes of the Company may bee expended for theire best advantage in which they will doe the Company an acceptable service. And they are desired to accept of twenty poundes a piece *per mensem* during such theire residency for theire expences in this busines

01/05/50 6 Ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Jones, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe and Mr Maynstone or any three of them bee desired to examyn and state the treasurers accountts and to make report thereof to the Company. And they have power to call to theire assistance such auditors as they shall thinke fitt. And it is further ordered at the treasurers desire that **[Page 28]** hee may deliver into the Companie a monthly account every second meeting after the first day of every month.

08/05/50 1 Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Trafford, Mr Williams, Mr Browne, Mr Dodson

08/05/50 2 Ordered that Mr Attorney Generall and Mr Hill bee reteyned of Councell with the Adventurers on the business concerninge the late disturbance of the workes in the fennes nere Croyland

And they were reteyned accordingly

08/05/50 3 Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, Thomas Jennings Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Robert Wingfield Esqr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Forster, Mr Williams

08/05/50 4 Upon readinge of a letter from the clarke comptroller and Mr Rice then acquaintinge the Company that hee desires to come up to towne to purchase defaulters landes, it is ordered that hee shall bee att libertye to come to towne so soone as Mr Hamond and Mr Latch or one of them shall goe downe to Wisbich who are shortly to goe downe by direction from the Company.

08/05/50 5 Whereas 2000 acres heretofore claymed by Benjamyn Weston Esqr by order of the Company, bearing date 22nd of Aprill last past, was sold for non payment of taxes unto Thomas Bales of the Middle Temple London Esqr at the rate of 6s 8d an acre, the Companie takinge the same into consideration and, in regard the said Mr Weston hath

[Page 29] never had any conveyance thereof made unto him from the Companie nor doth it appeare unto them that hee is in the capacite of an Adventurer, his name not beinge entered into the tax roll and so not under the nomination of a defaulter, and soe as much the Company doe now conceive that the said 2000 acres ought not therefore to have byn exposed to sale, it is now hereby declared and ordered that the said sale made to the said Thomas Bales as aforesaid bee frustrate, void and of noe effecte to all intents and purposes and the said order be forthwith cancelled and that noe conveyance thereof shall passe thereupon without further order.

13/05/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Robert Henley Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, Issac Jones Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Bradley, Mr Dodson, Mr Thurloe
13/05/50	2	Upon consideration had of the recompence to bee give to Lieutenant Colonell Dodson for his service done to the Companie accordinge to an order made at Wisbich the 27th March last past, it is agreed and ordered that the same bee taken into consideration by the Company at theire generall meetinge upon Assention daie next comminge.
13/05/50	3	Ordered that the expenditor Lieutenant Colonell Underwood doe paie or cause to be paid unto Anthony Hamond Esqr the some of twenty poundes per mensem duringe his residence upon the workes in the Great Levell of the Fennes accordinge to an order bearinge the date the sixth daie of May instant and it is further ordered that the said expenditor doe also pay or cause to be paid unto Mr Tench twenty shillinges a weeke for his sallary so long as Mr Hamond shall thinke fitt to employ him in the service of the Company.
15/05/50	1	[Page 30] Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Marsham, Mr Trafford, Mr Robery Henley Jnr, Mr Thurloe
15/05/50	2	Upon receipt of an accoumpt from Sir Miles Sandys and the accoumpts of Mr Maskew, it was thought fitt and ordered that the same accoumpts bee and are referred to the auditors that are appointed to take the treasurers accoumpt to be then examyned and reported to the Company at theire next meeting.
17/05/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Robert Henley Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Trafford, Mr Carill, John Latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Forster, Mr Williams
17/05/50	1	Upon the motion of Benjamyn Weston Esqr that hee may bee admitted as an Adventurer with the Company for the two thousand acres and claymed by him and that hee may accordingly have a conveyance thereof from the Companie, it is ordered that the said Benjamyn Weston bee admitted an Adventurer with the Companie and his name entered into the tax roll and that hee shall have a conveyance of the said 2000 acres from the Companie made unto him and his heires and theire heirs or to such other person or persons and theire heires as hee shall nominate or appoint so as the said conveyance may bee expected and accepted by him, and all arreres of taxes for the said 2000 acres paid before the end of the terme
17/05/50	2	[Page 31] Ordered that Robert Henley Esqr treasurer to the Companie doe paie unto Robert Maskew the some of one and forties shillings and five pence which is the surplusage of his accompt and also that the said treasurers doe pay unto the said Robert Maskew the some of thyrtie poundes in full all his demands and sallaryes due him to this day.
17/05/50	3	Ordered that Robert Henley, treasurer to the Companie, doe pay unto Mr Richard Kendall twenty shillings for his expences during his stay since hee came last to towne upon the Companie busines and his charges for retorninge. And it is also ordered that

the expenditor Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood doe pay unto him his sallary of twenty shillings a weeke as an overseer of the workes for the tyme hee hath byn absent from the workes, being about three weekes

22/05/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Isaake Jones Esqr, John Thomas Jennings Esqr, Mr Forster

22/05/50 2 Ordered that Mr Latham send his demands in writinge and deliver it to the clarke to bee presented to the Company

22/05/50 3 Mr Turner came and acquainted the Company of some particulers touching defects on the workes on Borough Banck whereupon it is ordered that letters bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Hamond and Mr Burton to the end they may take some speedy course for prevention of the inconveniences that may ensue thereupon.

22/05/50 4 Ordered that the great sluice at Wisbech bee not demolished or the materials thereof any way disposed of without spetiall order made by the Company

22/05/50 5 **[Page 32]** Ordered that letters bee written to all the defaulters in payinge in theire severall taxes in the intent they may pay in theire respective payments and to give them notice that the day of sale of lands appointed the first of June next according to former order

23/05/50 1 Robert Henley Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr John Thurloe, Mr Edmund Page

23/05/50 2 Upon readinge of a letter from Anthony Hamond Esqr dated at Wisbech the 19th May instant, directed to the treasurer, it is ordered that Mr Henley the treasurer doe expresse the Company thankes unto him for care of theire busines desiring him to take notice of information late delivered into the Company touching some defects in Borough Banke, a particular whereof Mr Henley is desired to send downe enclosed a letter to Mr Hamond

27/05/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Alexander Jones, Doctor Bates

27/05/50 2 Ordered that the names of all the Adventurers and Participants as they are mentioned in the tax roll bee by the clarke of the Company sett and subscribed to the petition that is now to bee presented to the Parliament.

28/05/50 1 Robert Henley Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, John Fountayne Esqr, John Trafford Esqr

28/05/50 2 Ordered that a copie of the paper delivered to the Companie by Mr Perkins of Spaldinge on behalfe of some land owners on the south side of Welland bee sent unto Mr Hamond, now resident upon the Great Levell that so hee and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden take a view and conferrre with the said Mr Perkins about some workes and send up an expresse to the Companie touchinge the same

28/05/50 3 **[Page 33]** Information being given on behalfe of the right honorable the Countesse of Exitor that the River of Welland was stopt at Croyland much to her prejudice whereupon and upon readinge a note in writing mentioninge the exceptions against the same, it is ordered that a letter bee forthwith written to Anthony Hamond Esqr, now resident upon the great levell, wherein the copie of the exceptions to the said worke shall bee included and that hee bee desired to take consideration thereof upon

the place and conferre with such as the Countesse of Exitore shall please to send or any others and give account thereof speedily to the Company and to take espetiall care that nothing may bee done contrary to the Act of Parliament whereby her honour and any of her tenants may bee any way prejudiced

31/05/50 1 Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Benjamyn Weston Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Browne

31/05/50 2 Ordered that a roll bee made out of the deed of sale of the 10000 acres to distinguish who are the purchasors thereof and for what proportions and the severall formes of mony payable by each purchasor for the same at each severall daie of payment in the forme and manner of the tax roll

31/05/50 3 Memorand. Mr Marmaduke Wittel and Mr Townsend came this daie to the Company and demanded a conveyance from them of the 800 acres late Sir Charles Harboards which were sold unto them by order of 22nd of Aprill last for non payment of taxes at the rate of 6s 2d per acre and they desired that the said order of sale may bee amended with this addition viz - that the said landes may bee freed from all old and former arrears due and payable before the passing of the Acte of Parliament whereupon the Company directed that they might attend on Friday next to move the Companie to permitt the said order to be amended accordingly and that in the meanetyme noe prejudice or advantage shall bee taken thereof.

31/05/50 4 Mr Weston came and tendered to the Company a draft of his conveyance for the 2000 acres claymed by him, whereupon the Companie ordered that Mr Fountayne bee desired to take consideration of it, whither it bee fitt for the Companie to seale the same as it is now drawne or with what alterations hee thinkes fitt

31/05/50 5 Ordered that Mr Jessop bee desired to meeete Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe and Mr Jones tomorrow at ten a clocke at Mr Henleyes howse to examyn and agree upon the report of the treasurer

01/06/50 1 [Page 34] Sir Miles Sandys knight baronett, Robert Henley Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, John Carill Esqr

01/06/50 2 Ordered the sale of defaulters landes is respted untill Fridae next but in the meane tyme as touchinge other matters the usuall days of meeting are to bee observed

07/06/50 1 Benjamyn Weston Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, John Latch Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne

07/06/50 2 Mr Marsham was this daie readie to report the treasurers accoumpt to the Companie but in regard of the treasurers absence and there not beinge five of the Companie present besides those that were desired to audite and report the said accoumpt, the Companie present thought fitt therefore to respte the report of the said accoumpt untill a fuller Companie

07/06/50 3 Memorand that the tyme of the sale of defaulters lande is respted untill Fridae next

07/06/50 4 Memorand - upon reading a letter and a pay of demandes from Lieutenant Colonell Dodson, direction was given to the clarke to put the Company in mynde to take the same into consideration at a more fuller meetinge. In the mean tyme noe prejudice to redound to the said Mr Dodson in the meane tyme from non payment of taxes

9/06/50 1 Robert Henley treasurer, Robert Wingfield Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne

9/06/50 2 Upon the motion of Mr Claphorne that the clarke shall give him copies of any orders that concerne himselfe that are mentioned in the old booke of orders made in or about the year 1637

9/06/50 3 Ordered that Mr Carills accoumpt bee delivered to the treasurer to be entered into his booke and then bee delivered to the clarke of the Companie

9/06/50 4 **[Page 35]** Ordered the treasurers motion that the gent formerly appointed to take his accoumpt together with the audit may bee desired by the clarke to meete and agree upon the speedy report of the said accompt to the Companie in writing.

14/06/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Esqr, Robert Wingfield Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Thomas Browne, Mr Bradley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trafford

14/06/50 2 Ordered that five of the nyne Adventurers were nominated in the order of the 10th January 1649 toe meete tomorrow at 2 of the clocke in the afternoone at the usuall place of meeting there to receive Sir Cornelius Vermuydens report touching the workes and propositions by him from the Company touchinge the making of the Sheire Dreyne and to make report thereof to the Companie

17/06/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Browne, Mr Thurloe

17/06/50 2 Ordered that Mr Smith and Mr James doe take the accounts of Mr John Marshall and exaymn the same and they are to make report thereof to the Companie with all convenient speede

19/06/50 1 Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Browne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Gascoigne, Mr Bradley

19/06/50 2 **[Page 36]** Ordered that Mr Henley the treasurer, Mr Hamond, Mr Marsham, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Carill, Mr Latch, Mr Thurloe and Mr Maynstone or any three of them (not excluding any others of the Company from theire voting that will bee there present) bee desired to meete weekly upon Tuesdaies, Thursdays and Satterdayes to audite an state all accoumpts that concerne the Company and are not yet settled. And they or any three of more of them to make report thereof to the Companye at theire next meeting provided that noe man shall have any vote in the auditing, stating, allowing or reporting of his own accoumpts. And they shall have hereby power to call to theire assistance Mr Jessop for an auditor therein.

19/06/50 3 Ordered that Mr Latham shall have fortie poundes paid unto him by the treasurer for his former services done to the Company

19/06/50 4 Whereas some part of the Sheire Drayne is to bee opened and the course of other part thereof somewhat altered and sluices sett thereupon which will not onely conduce to the issuinge the outfall of some part of the Great Levell but bee much more use to the landowners of the north side of Wisbich for issuing theire waters into the sea then now it is, the same beinge now silted up in a great measure by the sea. And therefore just that the said landowners should give a recompence for makinge the same, it is ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Hamond, Mr Claphorne and Lieutenant Colonell Underwood or any two of them bee and are hereby desired and authorised to treat and

contracte the said landowners for such recompence as they shall give to the said Adventurers for theire said workes to bee made upon the said dreyne. And in case the low growndes, heretofore undertaken by Mr Dereham, bee thought fitt to be dreyned by the Company, the said persons are to treat also with the parties therein [Page 37] concerned for what recompence the Country will give for the same. And before such treatie bee made there, persons before nominated are to take into consideration what the said workes would bee and what the charge thereof will come to. And to certifie the Company before they contract or conclude any thinge therein

19/06/50	5	Ordered that the treasurer bee desired to write a letter in answer to Mr Hamonds letter and retorne him thankes for his care of theire busines and to acquaint him with what passed between the Company and the Countesse of Exitors agents as also of Mr Claphornes demands for cutting his land, and that care was taken for providing monyes
19/06/50	6	Ordered that the treasurers accoumpts shall bee reported on Friday next to the Company but the determinyation thereof is deferred untill the next meetinge of the Lords
21/06/50	1	Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, Mr Thomas Browne, Mr Francis Forster, Mr Thurloe, Robert Henley Jnr
21/06/50	2	Memorand that Colonell Walton will make the bancke from Crowland to Brotherhowse and mainteyne it at his owne cost. The Companie will pay so much money towards it as the charge of makinge Dowsdale Bancke would come unto with which Mr Thurloe is desired to acquaint him.
21/06/50	3	Ordered that so soone as the workes on the north side of Bedford River shall bee perfected and finished, the workes on the south [Page 38] side of Bedford River shall bee forthwith taken in hand for the better carrying on and perfectinge of the said workes. It is further ordered that every Adventurer whose taxes were respited untill the first of August next shall then peremptorily bring in theire taxes that day. And such whose taxes were respited untill after Michalmas next shall the last of September next bring in all theire taxes and whose taxes shall become payable before doe pay theire taxes duly or in default thereof theire respective landes to be sold without favour to any. And this order not to bee altered revoked suspended or impeached but by so many of the Adventurers and Participants as are or shall bee owned of 55000 acres parcell of the 95000 acres.
21/06/50	4	Upon the motion of Mr Thurloe and upon producing a paper draft of a conveyance it is ordered that Mr Carill bee desired to examyn the same with the former deed and to make report thereof to the Companie
21/06/50	5	Ordered that Lieutenant Colonell Dodsons letter of the 15th of June instant received this day bee read to the Companie at theire next meetinge
21/06/50	6	Upon receipt of a paper this daie by the handes of Mr Fountayne from Mr Browne, agent for the Countesse of Exeter, it was thought fitt and proper that the said paper should bee entered verbatim as followeth, viz and the originall to bee kept

If the dammes contynue in Welland River at Croyland, it is desired that the dike on the west side of Croyland from the first damme at the east end of the towne to the damme at the north end of the towne bee made as sufficient in widenes and depth as the river

behind the dammes

At the ende of which paper was written with Mr Fountaynes hand these words viz -

Be received for Mr Browne agent for the Countesse of Exeter 21st June 1650

21/06/50 7 Memorand. It is thought fitt for the Company to addresse themselves to the University of Cambridge and satisfie them touchinge the workes on the northside and southside of Bedford River and to prevent any inconveniences hereafter Sir Cornelius Vermuydens designe is to bee shewn unto them in writing and that if they make any objections against it, the same may bee also taken and sett downe in writinge

28/06/50 1 [Page 39] Earle of Bedford, Benjamyn Weston Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Rober Castell Esqr, John Fountayne, John Carill Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr Gasgoigne, Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Forster, Mr Williams

28/06/50 2 Ordered that the order of taxes bearing date the 28th of January 1649 and the order of 21st of June last for putting in hand the south side of Bedford River bee printed together in one paper and sent enclosed in a letter to every defaulter in payinge in his proportion according to the said orders and that there bee 200 letters printed by themselves and 100 orders.

28/06/50 3 Memorand to speake with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden about the turninge of Bedford River. Upon readinge a letter of 24th June instant herein from Mr Hamond, it is ordered that those banckes that the Companie have made at theire owne charge and upon which there is noe way of right that care may bee taken that they bee preserved and kept from injury or worse

28/06/50 4 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond touching certaine overseers that take workes to themselves and lett them out to others to the prejudice of the Company.

A cope of the letter ordered to be printed as afore said followeth (*in hec verba*)

28/06/50 5 By order of tax and the other order herewith sent, you will see in what manner and at what daies the taxes sett upon you by reason of your proportion in the nynetie five thousand acres in the Great Levell is to bee paid, whereof I am comanded by the Company to give you notice and that your landes will bee sold in case the taxes due from you been not paid in accordinge to the said orders, this beinge all I have in charge, I rest

01/07/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Lord Cheife Justice St John, Edward Russell Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, Thomas Bayles Esqr, Charles Cox Esqr, Willam Crane Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, John Marsham Esqr, Robert Wingfield Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Browne, Mr Beverley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Rawlins, Mr Claphorne

01/07/50 2 [Page 40] Upon report of Mr Henley the treasurer his accoumpts made by Mr Marsham to the Companie, it is ordered that the right honorable the Earle of Bedford bee desired to receive a perticular accoumpt touchinge severall somes of money on the foote of the said accoumpt which Mr Henley demandes allowance of as layd out for the use of the Companie, amountinge in the whole to seaven hundred pounds or thereabouts. And when his Lordshipp bee pleased to report to the Companie that hee is satisfied touching the disbursing thereof, the Companie will then allow of the same

01/07/50 3 Upon consideration had of the necessity of goinge in hand with the workes on the south side of Bedford River, it is thought fitt and hereby ordered that it bee left to the discretion of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to goe in hand with the worke on the south side of Bedford River so as the perfectinge of the workes on the north side thereof bee not delayed or hindered thereby

03/07/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Charles Cox Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Forster, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe, Mr Williams, Mr Gale, John Russell Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Arthur, Mr Beverley, Mr Lukins, Mr Castell, Mr Crane

03/07/50 2 The Company, incistinge upon Mr Henleyes demandes for £403.06.08 for passing of the privie seale, decree of sewers and other charges and expences of which hee procured severall bills and papers, whereupon it is ordered that the gentlemen and auditors to whome the stating the said Mr Henleyes account were heretofore referred, together with Mr Bradley and Mr Lukins beinge added to them, bee desired that they, or any three of them, doe peruse the said papers and report the same to the Companie how they find them and what they amount unto and what they thinke fitt thereof for the Companie to allowe. **[Page 41]** And as touching the £200 which Mr Henley also demands upon his account to bee allowed unto him as formerly given him by the Company for his paines as hee alledged in procuringe the said privie seale but shewing noe order or other warrant from the Companie, it is thought fitt and ordered that the said two hundred pounds for the present shall not bee allowed him and that tyme bee given to the said Mr Henley untill the last daie of this month to satisfie the Companie of what order or warrant from them hee claymes, the said £200 to bee allowed unto him as aforesaid.

03/07/50 3 The Companie, takinge into debate the contents of the paper received from Mr Browne, agent to the Countesse of Exeter, and entred 21st of June last, concerning the making of a dike on the west side of Crowland from the first dam, it is thought fitt and agreed that the said dike bee made accordingly, so as the Countesse of Exeter shall give, under her hand, that the doinge thereof shall bee satisfactory and in full of her demands from the Companie, and that shee will secure them from all further demands and trouble for or by reason of the making of the said two dammes

03/07/504 3 Ordered that Colonell Dodsons letter bee the first busines taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Company

05/07/50 1 Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Sir Miles Sandys, Robert Henley treasurer, Isaac Jones Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Charles Cox Esqr, Mr Forster, Mr Bradley, Mr Lukins, Mr Browne, Mr Williams, Mr Robert Henley Jnr

05/07/50 2 **[Page 42]** The Company, entring into debate touching Lieutenant Colonell Dodsons demands as director of workes in Sumer 1649 and touching his other services done for the Company, it is ordered that hee shall have two hundred poundes paid unto him by the treasurer over and above fiftie poundes which hee hath allreadie received and is in full recompence and satisfaction of all his demandes and services as aforesaid

05/07/50 3 Sir Miles Sandys his account this day produced was read over and the particulars thereof perused which appertainge to bee attested by vouchers. After a long debate touchinge the same, the Company present thought fitt to allow of the said account, the surplusage whereof being £433.10.00 which some is to bee accepted of and is to stand in discharge of so much of his taxes provided that any just exception may bee made against the same by any of the Adventurers and Participants so as the same bee

delivered in writing unto the clarke before Michalmas next (of which the said Sir Miles Sandys is to have notice and within 3 weekes next after to make his answer thereunto).

05/07/50 4 Upon motion of Mr Francis Forster, it is ordered that the arreres of the tax of 2s 6d per acre received of the said Mr Forster by the treasurer and that thereupon his 200 acres, which hee claymed as parcell of the 2nd lott bee discharged of and from the further payment of the said tax or any part by thereof.

05/07/50 5 Mr Marshalls accoumpts beinge taken into consideration, it is ordered that the surplusage thereof, amountinge to the some of £12.15.08, bee paid unto him by the treasurer and that hee pay more unto him after the same rate, beinge five shillings a weeke for the rent of his barne and grownd for the tyme from the 20th October unto Lady day last past beinge two and twenty weekes is 5 pounds 10s. And it is further ordered that Mr Hamond, Mr Expenditor and Mr Burton or any two of them sett and agree with the said Mr Marshall for what rent they thinke fitt for the Companye to alallow him for the use of his barne and yard since Lady day last past and likewise such sallary as they thinke fitt for the Companie to allow him for his paynes since the workes began this last Spring which the said expenditor is to make payment thereof unto him as they shall sett downe and direkte. And the said expenditor is to take his accoumpts quarterly.

06/07/50 1 [Page 43] Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Thomas Thyme, Valentine Walton Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Trafford, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Clapthorne

06/07/50 2 The Companie, takeinge into consideration the perfectinge and finishinge of the worke of dreyninge on the south side of Bedford River to the end that they may have an adjudication of the whole levell by the next springe which by advisinge with theire director they find may bee done, and that the charge thereof will amount unto about £20000 besides what is allready raised. It is ordered that Mr Henley, Mr Latch and Mr Thurloe doe consider how to raise the said £20000 by layinge a tax upon the 95000 acres or otherwise as they shall thinke fitt and to bring in a proposition for the same to the Company of Monday next.

06/07/50 3 It is agreed betweene the Companie and Mr Clapthorne that hee shall bee allowed fortie shillinges an acre for his landes cutt since the passinge of the Acte of Parliament in 1649.

06/07/50 4 And it is further ordered that in consideration of the many former services as well before the passing of the Acte of Parliament as in passing thereof, and since Mr Clapthorne shall have so much money paid unto him as shall make up the money (which his lands cut, doe come unto), the full some of five hundred poundes which the treasurer is hereby authorised to paie unto him by way of defalcation out of such payments as hee is to make for the land parcell of the 10000 acres which hee purchased of the Companie. And in case there remaynes not so much money to bee paid by Mr Clapthorne to the Company as will satisfie him, the said some of five hundred poundes that then the treasurer shall forthwith pay unto him so much money as will fall short thereof and this is in full of all his demands whatsoever from the Companie.

06/07/50 5 The Companie now present, takinge into consideration the order made yesterday touching Sir Miles Sandys accoumpt and perusing an accoumpt of Mr Latham, heretofore publique auditor to the Companie, whereby the said Sir Miles Sandys is made debtor to the Company six hundred and twenty poundes eleaven shillings, it is thereof ordered that there shall bee noe execution of the said order untill it appeares

that the said Mr Lathams account is mistaken.

06/07/50 6 [Page 44] It is ordered that Mr Dodsons order made yesterday for payment of two hundred poundes unto him bee suspended and that it shall bee taken into consideration at the next meetinge. And in the meane tyme that noe copie of any order made yesterdaie bee delivered out to any person whatsoever without further order or direction to the clarke from the Company.

08/07/50 1 Lord Chief Justice St John, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, John Holland Esqr, Sir Thomas Thyrme, Mr Marsham, Mr Bradley, Willian Crane Esqr, Mr Browne, Mr Lukins, Mr Thurloe, Mr Clapthorne, Mr Rye

08/07/50 2 That Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Henley treasurer, Mr Marsham and Mr Latch bee desired to wayte upon the Commissioners, appointed by the Acte to desire them to meeet on Wednesdaie next in the Middle Temple Hall accordinge to the said Acte

19/07/50 1 Lord Justice Chief St John, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Snr Henley Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Mr Arthur, Mr Trafford, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Charles Cox Esqr, Mr Beverley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bradley, Mr Lukins, Mr Clapthorne

19/07/50 2 Resolved by the major part of the Companie present that a tax of 5d per acre shall bee sett and imposed

19/07/50 3 Memorand. Upon debate of the proposition made by Mr Henley, Mr Latch and Mr Thurloe for the raisinge of £20000, it is now propounded and thought fitt by the Companie present that a tax of 5s per acre as aforesaid bee sett and imposed and made payable in 4 months viz - The first payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Mondaie in November next, the 2nd payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Monday in December next, the 3rd payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Mondaie in January next and the 4th payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Monday in [Page 45] February next. And that the landes of defaulters in payinge in of any of the said severall somes of money are to bee sold at or upon the next succeedinge daie of payment of any of the said severall somes and for default of payment of the said some of 15d per acre payable at or upon the first Mondaie of February next as aforesaid, the landes of such defaulters are to bee sold at or upon the first Mondaie of March next following, and to the intent it may appeare by the first of November aforesaid what occasion there may bee for the speedie getting in of the said moneys, it is thought fitt that all persons whatsoever that are any waies accountants to the Company for any some of somes of mony doe bringe in all theire accountts to the 23rd of October next that the same may bee perfected by the last day of October aforesaid that thereby the Companie may know what money is disbursed, what remaynes in stocke and what is in arrere, and it is thought fitt that this proposition bee taken into further consideration by the Companie to bee perfected and ordered as they shall thinke fitt on Monday next and that in the meane tyme the Lord Chief Justice St John is to bee attended herewith if hee bee in towne or in his absence that a copie hereof may bee given to Mr Thurloe to acquaint his Lordshipp therewith.

19/07/50 4 Ordered that there shall bee a presse forthwith made and that there shall be five severall locks and keyes to it in which all writinges, mappes, bookees and papers and all other thinges that concerne the Companie are to bee kept for the use of the Companie. And that those whom the Companie shall order to keepe the keyes thereof in theire absence shall leave them in such other handes as the Company shall appointe to bee at all tymes ready for the Companies service.

19/07/50 5 Ordered that in the absence of Mr Smith, Clarke of the Company, John Hopkinson is hereby nominated deputie clarke to the Company and it is further ordered that the order made on the 3rd July instant for nominatinge a deputy clarke bee hereby vacated and made void.

22/07/50 1 **[Page 46]** Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Arthur, Mr Beverley, Mr John Russell, Mr Gorges, Mr Trafford

22/07/50 2 Mr Feines, Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell came and attended the Companie about theire landes cutt in Waldersey and the contract thereupon made whereupon the Company did direcete them to apply themselves to Mr Latch with theire writinges to the ende the assurances may bee drawne and upon passinge thereof the moneys agreed upon are to be paid according to the said contracte.

22/07/50 4 Ordered the Mr Fountayne bee desired to persue the drafts of two conveyances, some referred to Mr Carill and others touching fower hundred parcell of the ten thousand acres and to deliver his opinion to the Companie touchinge the same

22/07/50 5 The Company, takeing into consideration theire vote on Friday last touching the setting and imposing a tax of 5s per acre upon the 80000 acres comprised in the 20 lotts or shares, each share conteyninge 4000 acres, as upon the 2000 acres (parcell of the 95000 acres mentioned in the Acte of Parliament) lately assigned by the Company to Benjamyn Weston Esqr his heires and assigned, have thought fitt (for the speedie carryinge out of the workes of dreyninge) to sett and impose the said tax. And the said tax of 5s per acre is hereby set and imposed accordingly and ordered to be paid to the treasurer of the Companie for the tyme beinge in fower monthes as followeth viz - the first payment of 15d per acre to bee made at or upon the first Mondaie in November next, the second payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Monday in December next, the 3rd payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Mondaie in January next and the 4th payment of 15d per acre at or upon the first Mondaie in February next. And that the landes of defaulters in payinge in of any of the said severall somes of money are to bee sold at or upon the next succeeding daie of payment of any of the said severall somes **[Page 47]** or at such other meetinge for that purpose as the Companie shall appoint, and for default of payment of the said some of 15d per acre payable at or upon the first Mondaie of February next as aforesaid the landes of such defaulters are to bee sold at upon the first Mondaie of March next following or at such other subsequent meetings for the purpose at the Companie shall appoint. And to the intent it may appeare by the first of November aforesaid what occasion there may bee for the speedie gettinge in of the said moneys, it is thought fitt and further ordered that all persons whatsoever that are any waies accountants to the Companie for any some of somes of money toe bringe in all theire accountts to the 23rd October next that the same may bee perfected by the last daie of October aforesaid that thereby the Companie may know what money is disbursed, what remaynes in stocke and what is in arrere.

22/07/50 4 Memorand to write a letter to Mr Hamond in answer to that part of his letter where hee says there is to be made a bancke form Eldersey to Whittlesey hardes, the Companie thinke it more fitt that the bancke bee made upon the gravell cawswey.

22/07/50 5 Mr Trafford acquainted the Company hee had received a letter out of Lincolnsheire that about a fortnight agoe to Commission of Sewers mett and ordered that a cutt should bee made through certaine grownds about the 4 goates and that the next weeke a verditt will bee brought in.

25/07/50 1 Earle of Bedford, John Fountayne, Anthonie Hamond Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Mr Marke Bradley

25/07/50 2 Mr Hamond made report to the Company as followeth:

That the charge of a sasse to be made in the side of the River Ouse, the makinge of two sluces and the repayringe the sluice and sasse upon Salters Loade will amounte unto the some of £3240 which hee gathered by discourse from Christianne.

25/07/50 3 That an agreement is made with the lande owner on the north side of Wisbich touchinge the Sheire dreyne and the setting of 2 sluces that they are willinge to contribute the 3d **[Page 48]** penny towards the charge thereof (if the Companie thinke fitt to approve the same).

25/07/50 4 That severall agreements and contracts have byn made with perticular persons for landes cutt through and therefore it was necessary that some able man may take upon him the care of preparinge assureances that so the purchase money may bee paid and the Country satisfied.

25/07/50 5 That there may bee an augmentation of Mr Burtons sallery of £100 per annum.

25/07/50 6 That the undersurveyours or overseers bee reduced to the number of ten onely

25/07/50 7 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Latch, the heades whereof are as followeth:

1 That hee bee desired to consider and make an agreement or contracte in writinge with Christianne touchinge the sluice and sasse upon Salters Lode according to the terms proposed if hee shall thinke fitt.

2 That he bee desired to speeke to and conferre with Mr Farmer of Wisbich to consider of the drafts of conveyances for lands cut through that they may bee made to the 4 trustees viz - William Earle of Bedford, Edward Russell, Robert Henley and Robert Castell Esqr, theire heirs and assigned to the use of them, theire heires and assigned in trust, nevertheles for the said William Earle of Bedford, Participants and Adventurers and theire heires and assigned, also as the Companie may have such assurances of the said landes that they may with safety paie the purchase therein

3 That in regard the bancke from Peterborough to Guyhurne is now allmost finished, the Companie desire that Mr Latch would conferre with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Burton to the ende the number of under overseers of workes and materialls be lessened and reduced to the number of ten onely

25/07/50 8 Mr Hamond enformed that Companie that Christianne would not undertake to finish the sasse and sluces on the River of Owse before winter and therefore advised the Companie to perfect the workes and endeavor to procure an adjudication on the northside of Bedford river towards Michalmas which hee affirmed might bee obteyned by reason itself (the workes in hand and intended to bee done beinge perfected). And that a judgement of that part of the Levell being had would bee an enducement to gett an adjudication of the other parte of the levell the sooner.

25/07/50 9 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Burton that althoough a 3d part of the charge with the land owners on the northside of Wisbich propose to beare toward the worke on the Sheire dreyne and 2 sluces to bee set there, is to small a proportion for them to paie in respect of theire proportion of the land, yet in **[Page 49]** referrence to the persons, therein concerned, and the respects the Company have too many of the them,

they willingly assent unto it so as they may have security from the Countrie for payment thereof as also for the future mayntenance of the workes by some expediant in writing

29/07/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Robert Henley Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr Adams, Mr Jenyns, Mr Bradley, Mr Arthur

29/07/50 2 Ordered that Mr Lancelott Burrell and Mr Morsell shall have £50 paid unto them by the treasurer for the removall of seaven howses in Waldersey, beinge in part of one thousand and ten poundes, six shillings which the whole land in Waldersey cut through is valued at.

29/07/50 3 The Earle of Bedford moved the Companie that whereas his Lordshipp is to paie one thousand poundes the first of August next, hee desired to paie five hundred poundes here, the rest to the expenditor in the Countrie which was assented unto and his Lordshipps bill of charges towards passing of the Act amounting unto nynety eight poundes, seaventeene shillinges and eight pence is to bee allowed and his Lordshipp accordinge to a former order and to bee rebated out of that £500 hee is to pay in the Countrie

29/07/50 4 Upon the motion of Mr George Smith, clarke of the Companie, it is ordered that hee shall have libertie to goe into the Countrie upon his occasions for the space of five weekes beginninge from this daie, hee leavinge John Hopkinson deputie in his absence according to a former order.

31/07/50 1 Richard Gorges Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Adams Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Beverley

31/07/50 2 Mr Burrell, Mr Morsell and Mr Fyeines came and did attend the Companie touchinge theire land cut in Waldersey and after much debate it was agreed that Mr Latch of councell for the Companie is desired to draw a lease of the said landes for 5 yeares to commence for Lady day last with warrant from Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell and theire heires to the 4 trustees and theire heires in consideration of £250 paid

31/07/50 3 **[Page 50]** Memorand - Mr Fynnes and Mr Adrewes Burrell agree to signe and sett theire hands to an endorsement on the backe of the said lease signifyinge theire willing assent thereunto.

31/07/50 4 Agreed that the said Mr Latch bee also desired to draw a bond of the penaltie of £500 from the said Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell with a covenant that if the Company bee troubled or disturbed in theire possession duringe the contynuance of the said lease or terme then the Companie to have againe the said £280 restored

31/07/50 5 Upon readinge of a letter from Mr Tench of the 29th of July instant, it is ordered that thanks bee returned unto him for his care in giving the Companie notice of some casualty in the workes and what was expended the last weeke and desire him to contynue his advertisements by letter weekly to the Company as hee shall see occasion

02/08/50 1 John Russell Esqr, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Mr Trafford, Mr Bridges, Mr Thurloe, Mr Arthur

02/08/50 2 Ordered that a letter bee written to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to give him notice that the whole Company doe intend to meeate at Wisbich on Thursdaie the third of October next to view the workes whether they bee such as the Companye whereupon may demand an adjudication, and to this end the Company may not fayle of theire

expectation, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to take care that the works on the north side of Bedford River may be wholly finished

02/08/50 3 The Company, findinge it necessary to have a new survey made of the Great Levell of the Fennes, they have made choice of Mr Benjamyn Hare to bee theire surveyour to bee employed in that service and doe desire the treasurer by letter to give him notice thereof and to desire him to come to towne to Mr Henleyes howse at Temple Barre to bee there on Wednesdaie (if possible) or Thursdaie next where the Company have appointed to meete and make an agreement with him and to give him direction therein

14/08/50 1 Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Mr Bradley, Mr Robert Henley Jnr

14/08/50 2 [Page 51] Ordered that the treasurer write another letter to Mr Benjamyn Hare surveyour, now resident at or about Ward Parke in Hartfordsheire, to desire him to come up to towne upon Friday or Monday next at farthest where at theire treasurers howse any 2 of the Companie, in absence of the rest, are to make and conclude an agreement which was left at Ware Parke for him

14/08/50 3 Ordered that the treasurer write another letter to Mr Hamond to desire to take upon him his former imployment to bee resident upon the workes so it may stand with his present occasions and to desire him to know if hee bee acquainted of an agreement made about the sasse of £3000 to bee set about Denver and, if so, then how hee does approve thereof

14/08/50 4 Ordered that the treasurer write an answer to Mr Latch his letter that if the sluice hee writes of to bee made on or about Denver, can bee made for £3000 and every way substantiall, the Company give theire assent thereunto but yet they desire to know the reason why Sir Cornelius Vermuyden hath so soone altered his intention and opinion touchinge the same and withall to know of him whether the 2 sluices and the sasse about Denver bee intended should bee set on the River Owse.

23/08/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, William Adams Esqr, Mr Arthur, Mr Bradley

23/08/50 2 Memorand that the treasurer write another letter to Mr Latch now resident on the workes to desire him to see that no delay may bee made in setting of the sasse and two sluices about Denver upon the River of Owse but that great care bee taken to effect the same before the season of the yeare bee too farre spent

23/08/50 3 The Company havinge formerly sent a messenger with a letter to Mr Benjamyn Hare to give him notice that hee was chosen by them to bee theire surveyour but in regard the messenger retorne and brought word that hee could not finde his place of residence and forasmuch as the Company finding it very necessary to have a new survey made of the Great Levell of the Fennes and one Mr Moore an other surveyour being propounded unto them, the Company present [Page 52] doe approve and make choice of him, the said Mr Moore, to be theire surveyour and doe desire the treasurer to treat with him upon what termes, and that if hee accept of after the rate of £150 paid to make an agreement with him on the behalfe of the Companie but if not the treasurer is hereby authorized to enlarge his allowance so as it exceede not £200 per annum provided that hee bee readie to goe speedily downe to the said Great Levell of the Fennes for the purpose aforesaid and the said treasurer is to make report thereof to the Companie at theire meeting on Monday next

23/08/50 4 Ordered that Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood the expenditor bee further desired to send up his accoumpts to the Company whereby they may know what somes

of money have byn received, what monies disbursed and what monies are in stocke remayninge that so they may provide for convenient supplies as they shall thinke fitt. And it is further ordered that the treasurer bee desired to write a letter unto him and thereby intymate that the Company doe expect his accoumpts and are impatient of any longer delay. And that a copie of this order bee enclosed in a letter sent unto him.

23/08/50 5 Ordered that upon default of payment made by any of the purchasors of any part or parcell of the late kinges 10000 acres at the dayes and tymes lymitted and appointed for, or by reason of theire severall purchased lands, that then it shall and may bee lawfull to and for the Companie of Adventurers land partes nominated (beinge of the first part of the conveyance of the said landes consisting of ten parts and dated the 28th of Aprill last) to enter into and, upon the severall landes of all such as make default and to have againe, reposesse and enjoy the same as in theire former estate accordinge to the intent and meaninge of the said conveyance and the severall promised mentioned therein

26/08/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Arthur

26/08/50 2 Ordered that the Company doe intend to meeete at Peterborough on the third day of October next and not at Wisbich accordinge to former order, in regard they conceive it most necessary to meeete there first and so from there take a view of the works.

26/08/50 3 **[Page 53]** Upon readinge of a letter from Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood, the expenditor, beinge dated the 27th of March last past, the Company doe conceive it necessary that upon the tenor of the treasurers instructions, hee ought not to accept of any bills charged on him unles signed by the expenditor himselfe.

26/08/50 4 Memorand - that a letter bee written to Sir Thomas Gardiner in answer to a letter Mr Fountayne received from him touchinge respite of his tax due the first day of August instant and now read unto the Companie, that they cannot respite his taxes and make good theire order which they are to performe but to lett him know they shall bee as civil to him as any of the rest of Adventurers. And that his landes is not yet sold and therefore desire him to take speedie care to provide the money.

And a letter was written and sent accordingly

26/08/50 5 Mr Jonas Moore undertakinge to the Companie to survey the Great Levell of the Fennes and to make an exakte mappe of the part thereof which lyes on the north side of Bedford River, accordinge to the instructions given him to that purpose by the 23rd of October next, and of the other part thereof lyinge on the south side of Bedford River in convenient tyme afterwards, and to serve the Companie in such other things belonginge to a surveyour within the said levell for one whole yeare, they doe agree to enterteyne him for theire surveyour for a yeare to commence from Monday the 2nd September next if hee then beginne his journey, and to give him £200 for that tyme to bee paid unto him quarterly by the treasurers and hee is to have one quarter paid him beforehand and the rest at 3 month ende

26/08/50 6 Ordered that Mr Palmer now resident upon the works shall attend the said Jonas Moore to survey the said levell and to give him the best assistance hee can with the lott booke and all mappes and writinges hee hath in his custodie. And that Mr Henley the treasurer bee hereby desired to deliver unto the said Mr Moore all such mappes as are in his custodie for the present service of the Companie by inventory which are to bee retorneb backe againe to the Company when there unto required.

26/08/50 7 Ordered that the clarke attend Mr Edward Russell to know when hee shall bee best at leizure to come up to towne to acknowledge the deede of the 10000 acres

01/09/50 1 [Page 54] At my Lord Chiefe Justice St Johns his Chamber in Lincolns Inne

Lord Chiefe Justice St John, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, Mr Bardley, Mr Arthur, Mr Page

01/09/50 2 Memorand - a letter to bee written to Mr Hamond to lett him know the Company does approve of his goinge againe into the fennes and my Lord Chiefe Justice St John will endeavor to procure him a licence and permission from the Councell of State.

01/09/50 3 Memorand - That a letter bee written to Colonell Valentyne Walton to enforme him that hee is in arrere 6 taxes for his 250 acres in the 8th lott, as also to Colonell Alexander Blake that hee is in arrere 6 taxes for his 1000 acres in the 9th lott both, amountinge *in toto* to £468.15.00 which hee is desired may bee paid in to the expenditor in the Country.

01/09/50 4 Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden shall forbear any further proceedinge in makinge and settinge the sluces and the sasse untill further order made by the Company at theire meetinge at Peterborough. And that hee should not engage any in the workes on the south side otherwise then that the workes on the north side may bee finished and made fitt for adjudication by the first of November next.

01/09/50 5 Agreed to meeete on Wednesdaie next at Mr Henleyes howse nere Temple Barre there to receive and take an accoumpt of the moneys received and disbursed and what moneye in bancke

11/09/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Isaac Jones Esqr, Robert Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Jenyns, Mr Trafford, Mr Arthur, Mr Bradley

11/09/50 2 Whereas the Company are enformed that the inhabitants and land owners on the north side of Wisbich offered to give theire proportionate part towards the charge of the workes to bee made upon Close Crosse dreyne, the Sheire dreyne and the sluces to be sett there and a third part was in truste upon, it is ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Latch and Mr Hamond or any two of them hereby shall have power to contracte with the said Inhabitants and land owners for the best advantage of the Companie as they in theire judgements and discretions shall thinke fitt.

11/09/50 3 [Page 55] Ordered the Mr Barance Wersterdike bee desired by Mr Latch to give the Company a meetinge at Peterborough on the 3 of October next and the Companie will take into consideration a recompence to bee given him for his paynes.

11/09/50 4 Ordered that the treasurer accoumpts stated by Mr Jesopp and all other his accoumpts of receipts and payments, perticularly bee sent downe by the treasurer or his deputy who is to attend the Company therewith at theire meetinge att Peterborough on the 3rd October next. And in the meane tyme, the treasurers is desired to send to the purchasors of the Kinges 10000 acres to know of them what somes or somes of money they have paid towards theire proportionate share of the said purchase money and to whome

11/09/50 5 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to desire him to repayre againe to the workes in the Great Levell of the Fennes and to that purpose to addres himselfe to the two next justices of the peace for a licence to authorize him thereunto, which the Company doe conceive they will not deny in regard it is in pursuance of this Acte of Parliament, herewith sent, by which the Company are impowered to choose any

officers for effecting of the workes of dreyninge. And a full Companie meeting this day have made choice of the said Mr Hamond to see the said workes performed according to the said Acte and have ordered the clarke do signe the said letter accordingly.

11/09/50 6 Ordered that the treasurer bee allowed 28s a weeke for Mr Blanchard his cash keep. As also the like some of 20s a weeke for Mr James his accoumptant.

11/09/50 7 Ordered that Mr George Smith, clarke to the Company, doe forthwith acquainte the Earle of Bedford with theire meeting appointed at Peterborough on the 3rd October next and desire his Lordshipp bee pleased to give them a meeting there. And it is further ordered that the said George Smith shall have leave to attend the said Earle in the Country after Satterdaie next untill the said meeting at Peterborough so as hee give his attendance on the Companie there at that tyme and leave John Hopkinson his deputy to execute his place herein the meantyme

13/09/50 1 John Russell Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Thomas Jenyns Esqr, John Trafford Esqr

13/09/50 2 Mr John Russell delivered a peticular of his landes cutt in Whittlesey which was **[Page 56]** read to the Companie, hee demanded satisfaction as others in the like cases. The Adventurers now present doe desire that the same may bee taken into consideration by a fuller Companie at their meetinge at Peterborough on the 3rd October next.

13/09/50 3 Upon the motion of Mr Smith, it is ordered that John Hopkinson, deputy clarke, doe attend the Companie at theire meeting Peterborough on the 3rd October next with all writinges, bookes and papers that are necessary to bee carried downe for the Companies use. And hee is take care to performe the same accordingly.

16/09/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Trafford, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley

16/09/50 2 Whereas the Companie are informed that there are severall mappes of parcels of the Great Levell of the Fennes that are now in the custodie of Mr Neale, an inkeeper att March, which mappes doe of right belong to the Company of Adventurers in the said Great Levell, it is thought and ordered that Mr Palmer doe demande and receive the said mappes of and from the said Mr Neale and that hee keepe the same for the use of the Companie

25/09/50 1 John Russell Esqr, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bradley

25/09/50 2 Whereas the Company intended to have mett at Peterborough on the third of October next, accordinge to an order of the six and twentieth of August last past, it is now thought fitt for certaine reasons, and is hereby ordered that the said meetinge shall bee suspended and put of untill the Company shall make further order therein and that this order bee sent in a letter to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden.

25/09/50 3 Memorand upon perusing of a peticular in writinge under the hand of William Palmer surveyour produced by John Russell, being a certificate of severall lands cut through and damaged in makeinge of the workes, it is thought fitt that the clarke writes **[Page 57]** a letter to the said Mr Palmer, and then hee may send up word by what order of warrant from the Companie hee made the said peticular, testifed under his owne hand

25/09/50 4 Whereas Robert Henley Esqr did formerly subscribe for 2975 acres of Mr John Russell but noe coveyance is yett passed from the Company and whereupon the said Mr Russell hath since agreed with the said Mr Henley and paid him the arrere of the 2s 6d

tax and the first 15d and the said Mr Henley is willinge to relinquish his bargaine and contract with the Company for the said 3975 acres, it is ordered by, and with the consent of the said Mr Henley now present, testifyed by setting his hande hereunto, that hee is to take noe benefitt by his aforesaid subscription or contract with the Company touchinge the same but the said Mr John Russell and his assigned are to enjoy the aforesaid 2975 acres as in his former right, the aforesaid contract or subscription notwithstandinge, subject nevertheles to the payment of the remayning six 15d taxes yet unpaid.

Robert Henley

25/09/50 5 Upon the motion of Mr Thurloe on the behalfe of the towne of Wisbich that the Company would be at the charge of making a bridge over the river on this side the Horseshoe in regard there is noe passage over there as formerly, it is ordered that the same bee taken into consideration at a fuller meetinge of the Companye

25/09/50 6 Upon motion made by Mr Trafford touching satisfaction hee demands for lands cutt through lying on both sides of Clowes Crosse dreyne, the Companie think fitt to take the same into theire consideration at a fuller meetinge

27/09/50 1 Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, Mr Arthur, Mr Vermuyden, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trafford

27/09/50 2 Whereas Anthony Hamond Esqr did formerly subscribe for 500 acres belonginge to John Marsham Esqr but noe conveyance is yet passed from the Company and whereas the said Mr Marsham hath since agreed with the said Anthony Hamond and paid him the [Page 58] the arrere of the 2s 6d tax and the first 15d tax and the said Anthony Hamond is willing to relinquish his bargaine and contract with the Company for the said 500 acres, it is ordered by and with the consent of the said Anthony Hamond now present, testifyed by setting his name here unto, that hee is to take noe benefitt by his aforesaid subscription or contracte with the Companie touchinge the same but the said John Marsham and his assigned are to enjoy the aforesaid 500 acres as in his former right, the aforesaid contracte of subscription notwithstandinge, subjecte nevertheles to the payment of all future taxes

Anthony Hamond

27/09/50 3 Mr Johnson moved the Company on the behalfe of Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell that whereas Mr Fynnes had written unto Mr Rowse to desire hee would joyne with the said Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell in contract with the Companie for theire landes cut through but Mr Rowse refusing, his motion was that the said Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell might contract with the Companie for their proportion of land without the said Mr Rowse which the Company agreed to consent of at the meeting on Wednesday next.

27/09/50 4 Mr Hamond moved the Company on the behalfe of Mr Burton principall overseer of the workes that for his great care and paynes in the workes some gratuity or the like might bee given him which the Companie agreed to take into consideration at their next meeting.

02/10/50 1 Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Anthony Hamond Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, William Adams Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, Mr Maystone, Mr Thurloe, Mr Bradley, Mr Arthur

02/10/50 2 The Companie, consideringe that Mr Hamond by being upon theire workes in the Country last somer is best acquainted with theire affayres there, and that hee without Mr Latch is able to mannage the whole busines, therefore they doe hereby order that the clarke or his deputy shall signifie to Mr Latch that the Company doe desire him to retorne from theire imployment on the workes, the Companie expecting noe further trouble or attendance from him and doe further **[Page 59]** order that the twenty poundes *per mensem* appointed him for that service doe within a weeke after notice of this order cease and determyn, and that a copie of this order shall bee enclosed in the letter sent him from the clarke

02/10/50 3 Ordered that Mr Johnson of councell for Mr Fyenes and Mr Burrell are desired to draw up the state of the case touchinge Mr Rowse, what terme hee hath yet to come and what rent hee paies, and to leave the same with the clarke between this and Wednesdaie next

02/10/50 4 Whereas the Company having byn enformed on the behalfe of the towne of Wisbich that a cart bridge was heretofore standinge over the river in the towne which hath byn taken away by the former Adventurers, it is therefore thought fitt and ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired and hee is hereby authorized to treat with Mr Thurloe and the towne of Wisbech touching the same and enforme himselfe of the truth thereof, what bridge was formerly made and taken away and what is fitt for the Company to contribute towards the makinge of another bridge and for the future to provide, that the towne may maynteyne the same at theire owne charge. And that the said bridge may not hinder navigation nor the passage of the water but bee usefull for the Companie and theire occasions. And Mr Hamond is desired to certifie the Companie how hee findes the same.

02/10/50 5 Agreed that the Company doe intend to take a view of all the arreres of the severall Adventurers in payinge theire respective taxes att theire next meetinge.

09/10/50 1 Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Maynstone Esqr, Mr Bradley, Mr Robert Henley Jnr

09/10/50 2 Ordered that the clarke doe attend Mr Cornelius Vermuyden from the Company and acquaint him that there is great occasion for the raising of monies that therefore hee may bee desired to appoint some short tyme for payinge in of the some of £800 which hee is in arrere for, or in respect of his 400 acres, part of the late Kings 10000 acres, and that if the said arrere of £800 bee not paid within the said appointed tyme by him lymitted, that then hee would bee pleased to signifie his consent to relinquish his interest in the said land.

09/10/50 3 Ordered that Friday the eighteenth of this instant month of October betweene the howers of nyne and twelve in the morninge at Mr Alderman Henleyes howse without Temple **[Page 60]** Barre is the tyme and place appointed for same appointed for sale of defaulters landes accordinge to the Acte of Parliament of 29th of Maie 1649 and accordinge to former orders of the Company made in that behalfe.

09/10/50 4 Memorand. Mr Moore the surveyour hath promised to prepare the mappe of the north side of Bedford River to be ready against Friday the 18th of October instant for the Company to take a view thereof against the meeting of the Commissioners on the 21st of October followinge

18/10/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Maynstone Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Marsham Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr Browne, Mr Bradley, Mr Beverley

18/10/50 2 Whereas the old sea bancke betweene Guyhurne and Bevis Hall on the north side of Wisbech was originally made by the land owners of north Wisbich to save and secure the severall land owners and inhabitants, thereupon adjoyninge, from overflowinge and inundation, and by them heretofore mayntayned and whereas by frequent travails upon the same, and for want of repayre thereof, the said bank is much decayed which is occasioned through the neglecte of the said landowners who ought to have repayed and from tyme to tyme maynteyned the same and whereas by the making of that banke and other banckes, the landes between Peterborough and Guyhurne have frequently byn lyable to bee drowned and overflowne, and also the River of Neane and other waters have not had free passage to the sea, which hath the more occasioned the said overflowing and drowning of the said landes betweene Peterborough and Guyhurne, and whereas the said landes betweene Peterborough and Guyhurne are now, at the great charge of the Earle of Bedford and his Participants, enabled by the Act of Parliament, gayned and recovered from overflowinge by reason of the greater banckes made by the Company of Adventurers then those banckes on the north side of Wisbech and, thereby, the said inhabitants and land owners on the northside of Wisbich with the parts adjoyninge conteyninge about one hundred thousand acres are freed from the great charge of maynteyninge of the banckes from Dowsedale to Guyhurne and from there to Brotherhowse, beinge seaventeene myles in length and also all those landes are now thereby secured from overflowinge which there were subject unto every winter so as they, the said land owners on the northside of Wisbich, doe repayre the said two myles of bancke from Guyhurne to Bevis Hall as aforesaid which they right ought and all waies heretofore [Page 61] have done, yet not withstandinge all which and to bringe a clamour and charge upon the said Adventurers, they the said inhabitants on the north side of Wisbich doe refuse to repayre the said two myles bancke against the tydes of the sea which is now lett in as formerly it was before the said Adventurers undertakin. And there upon there beinge at present necessity for them to make up theire said bancke which they havinge had sufficient warninge, neglecte to doe, and the Company of Adventurers, taking into consideration that the neglecte of makinge up this banke may endanger that Country on the north side of Wisbich and parts adjoyning and bringe an undeserved clamour upon the Company there, doe therefore make choice rather to appeale to the Commissioners nominated in the said Acte of Parliament for redres and satisfaction in such behalfe then to lett a worke of so great consequence bee undone and doe therefore thinke fitt and hereby order that the said two myles bancke from Guyhurne to Bevis Hall aforesaid bee for the present repayed at the Companyes owne charge with prejudice to the Companie in point of right and savinge theire appeale to the Commissioners as aforesaid

18/10/50 3 The Company, taking into consideration that part of Mr Hamonds letter touchinge the cuttinge of the banckes, have thought fitt and agreed in answer thereunto, a letter bee written and a copie of the order of the 21st June last bee inclosed, sent unto him, with which Mr Hamond is desired to acquaint all persons that are yet unsatisfyed of the Companies care to proceede in the workes as well on the south as on the north side of Bedford River. And the Companie doe desire that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, Mr Hamond and Mr Burton to take care the said order bee put in due execution.

18/10/50 4 Ordered that Sir Myles Sandys, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Gorges, Mr Marsham, Mr Latch, Mr Trafford, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane and Mr Castell or any three of them bee desired to treat with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden touching the setting of sluces on Bedford River, and to settle some order therein as they or any three of them shall see cause. And Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to meeete the Companie on Monday next as also then to attend the Commissioners at their meetinge in the Middle Temple Hall in the afternoone at two of the clocke

18/10/50 5 Ordered that the day of sale of defaulters land is now hereby peremptorily appointed to bee on the three and twentieth daie of October next in the afternoone at two of the clocke

18/10/50 p.m 1 Sir Edward Patherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Carrill Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Arthur, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Trafford, Mr Bradley, Mr Wakefield, Mr Beverley

18/10/50 p.m 2 Memorand that Mr Wivell and Mr Townesend bee desired by the clarke to take notice that upon Monday next the Companie doe intend to expose the sale 800 acres belonginge to Sir Charles Harboard and that, if they clayme any thinge there unto, they may then bee admitted to make theire clayme and they shall bee heard

18/10/50 p.m 3 **[Page 62]** Agreed to meeete tomorrow afternoone to take a view of the mappes made by Mr Moore and to make some preparation against the meeting of the Comissioners on Monday next

23/10/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Issac Jones Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Maynston Esqr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Sir Thomas Thyme, John Fountayen Esqr, Mr Marsham Esqr, John Carill Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, Mr Bradley, John Thurloe, Mr Thomas Browne

23/10/50 2 Memorand. That a letter bee written to Mr Burton to know if the workes bee done according to contracte and if not to give notice to the Companie where the defects are, and to send up the perticuler names of all such person or persons as have not performed theire contracte.

23/10/50 3 Whereas Mr Wyvell came this day to demand a conveyance from the Companie of 800 acres, late of Sir Charles Harboard, which hee contracted for by order of 22<sup>nd</sup> Aprill 1650, and the orders of the Companie were thereupon read unto him and the Companie declared theire readines to make good the contracte mentioned in the booke which was accordingly offered unto him and hee refused to accept thereof, whereupon the Companie holds themselves free of the said contracte and have ordered that Fridaie cum sennight next bee appointed a day for the sale of the said 800 acres.

23/10/50 4 Memorand. That one Mr Perry of Ladgate Hill, now present, does undertake the payment of the arreres of taxes charged upon Mr Lukins, Mr Marshall and Dafferne to bee paid on Monday next

23/10/50 5 Memorand. Mr Crane now present does engage himselfe to pay his arreres of taxes within 3 weekes

23/10/50 6 Memorand. Mr Adams deed not to bee enrolled of 300 acres parte of his share is expressed to bee in the 15<sup>th</sup> lott.

23/10/50 7 Ordered that Lieutenantt Francis Underwood bee desired to conynue his accoumpt from the 26<sup>th</sup> September last to the 23<sup>rd</sup> October instant and that there may be an accoumpt of those monyes he has issued out to the subexpenditor with all possible speede.

23/10/50 8 Ordered that Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Marsham, Mr Thurloe, Mr Carill, Mr Bradley, Mr Maynstone or any three of them bee desired to take the treasurers accoumpts and Mr Jessop is desired to assist them and to expedite it in such manner as the same may bee finished by the ende of this month.

23/10/50 9 Ordered that Fridiae next bee appointed the day of sale of all defaulters landes at two of the clocke in the afternoone

26/10/50 1 [Page 63] Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, John Maynstone Esqr, John Russell Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Thomas Browne, Mr Trafford, Mr Carrill

26/10/50 2 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to put him in mynde of the order of the Company for reducinge the overseers to a lesser number, that the Companie may not bee at an unnecessary charge. And that noe overseer may henceforth bee paid by the expenditor but such as shall bee approved by Mr Hamond of the Company and Mr Hamond is desired to signifie so much to the expenditor

26/10/50 3 Ordered that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Mr Hamond, with the assistance of Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood, Mr Claphorne, Mr Burton, or such others of the Country as they shall thinke fitt, bee desired speedily to take a survey of that part of the levell as is dreyned and certifie to the Companie what waies and passages, and in what places, they conceive necessary for passing in to and out of the said levell, as well for the Companie as the comoners and land holders

26/10/50 4 Colonell William Underwood moved the Company on the behalfe of his brother Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood who desires the Companie that at the ende of the yeare of his imployment the Companie would thinke of some other fitt person to bee expenditor in his place, beinge desirous to be eased of that imployment which motion the Companie will take into consideration

26/10/50 5 For as much as it is usuall in other places where landes are exposed to sale to sett a value of certaine price upon land saleable under which it is not to bee sold at that tyme, it was now thought fitt by the Companie present that the question should bee put whether or noe a certaine price should bee sett upon land saleable this day which beinge put was resolved in the affirmatyve and another question beinge put whether or no the price of land saleable this day should bee at 20s an acre, it was also resolved in the affirmatyve whereupon it is ordered that 20s an acre is the certaine price sett upon landes saleable this day under which they are not to bee sold

26/10/50 6 Upon motion of Mr Fountayne, it was thought fitt that all purchasors of defaulters landes hereafter may enter into bond to some of the Companie with consideration for payment of theire purchase money upon notice given to them that theire assurances are sealed or by leavinge notice at theire lodging or howse of abode and that severall blanke bonds may bee prepared accordingly

26/10/50 7 Memorand. Mr Isaac Jones undertakes to pay the arreres of taxes charged upon him in respecte of his share of 3000 acres.

26/10/50 8 [Page 64] Ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Lake the clarke comptroller to lett him know that the Companie takes espetiall notice of his absence from the workes. Neyther have they had an account from him in what condition hee hath left that imployment, and with all that they expecte hee come up to towne speedily to give an account thereof and in the meane tyme his sallary is ordered to bee stopped and the expenditor is to take notice thereof accordingly

30/10/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Thomas Bayles, Mr Williams

30/10/50 2 Ordered that Mr Fountayne and Mr Thurloe bee desired to attend Mr Justice Rulestone and Mr Justice Nicholas for the stating of the case betweene the Company and Mr

Andrewes Browne accordinge to the order of the Commissioners made the 21st October instant and Mr Latch is to bee reteyned of councell for the Companie and that the clarke or his deputies attend the judges with Mr Burrell or some for him to desire them to appoint a daie for the hearing and stating of the case

Ordered that Fridiae next at 2 a clocke in the afternoone is appointed a tyme for sale of defaulters landes

01/11/50	1	Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Marke Hildersley Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, John Maynstone Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Bradley, Mr Arthur, Mr Browne
01/11/50	2	Whereas by order made att Wisbich of the 27th March 1650, Mr Burton is authorized to contracte for such land as the Companie shall have occasion to buy for carryinge on the work of dreyning which contracts are not to bynde the Companie unles they bee confrmed by the gentlemen therein named or any two of them. The Company takeing that order into consideration and finding that theire workes now in hand lye farre distant from those gentlemen therein nominated doe hereby desire Anthony Hamond Esqr to view such contracts as shall bee hereafter made by Mr Burton for any landes on Bedford River and the southside thereof and doe order that the same contracts, confirmed by Mr Hamond under his hand, shall bee valid <b>[Page 65]</b> and binding to the Companie and noe other contract whatsoever, concerninge purchasinge of landes, as aforesaid, provided that this order shall not invalidate the said order of Wisbich as concerninge any landes bought or to bee bought between Welland River and Bedford River.
01/11/50	3	The Company, takinge into consideration that they have daylie occasion for carryinge on the workes of dreyninge to cut through the severall growndes of perticular men and beinge willinge and desirous that the owners of such landes should receive both tymely and reasonable satisfaction for the same and in such manner, and that they may not bee out to any trouble in procuringe the same, doe hereby thinke fitt to give notice to all such persons that they did in March last appointe Mr Burton theire principall overseer who is well knowne and daylie resident on the workes, to contract with every such person and persons that have any land cutt or prejudiced, as aforesaid, and upon such contracte perfected, theire expenditor Lieutenant Colonell Underwood is to pay for the same which order the Countrie, as wee are enformed, have not generally taken notice thereof, now to the ende that every person, concerned herein, may have notice of the said order of March last and come and clayme recompence for theire landes without which it is impossible for the Adventurers to know whose landes they cut through and prejudice. They desire that this order bee published in such parish churches as shall be requisite.
04/11/50	1	Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, John Latch Esqr, William Crane Esqr, James Ingram Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Arthur, Mr Browne, Mr Williams
04/11/50	2	Ordered that Mr John Trenchard, Mr Isaac Jones, Mr Latch, Mr Ingram, Mr Gale and Mr Page bee added to Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Marsham, Mr Thurloe, Mr Carill, Mr Bradley and Mr Maynstone as beinge persons nominated in the order of the 23rd October last for the stating of the treasurers accoumpts and they or any three of them are desired to state the same and make report thereof to the Company
04/11/50	3	Upon readinge a letter from the expenditor of the 31st of October last whereby hee desires to know what acquittance or assurance the Companie doe expecte to have from the severall persons whose landes they are to purchase, it is ordered that an answer

bee sent unto him that the Companie will take a speedie course therein, and to that ende doe desire him to send them up a perticuler of all the names of persons of whome they are to purchase, together with the severall parcells or quantityes of acres they are to buy and in what places they lie.

04/11/50 3 [Page 66] The Company, takinge into consideration the arreres of severall defaulters in payinge in theire taxes, and the paper beinge read over unto them, it was thought fitt and ordered that the defaulters lands hereafter followinge should be exposed to sale on Friday next

1 That Mr Carill bee desired to meeete the Companie on Fridiae next that somethinge may bee determyned touching 500 acres parcell of the 1000 acres late the Earle of Bullingbrooke

2 The other 500 acres parcell of the said 1000 acres are charged upon Mr Maynstone and are exposed to bee sold in default of payment of the arreres for the same on Fridiae next

3 Also 700 acres late Mr Gorges in the 6th lott charged on Mr Latch

4 Also 1850 acres in the 7th lott late Sir Robert Bevells and now charged upon Charles Parsons and John Bridgeman, there beinge arrere £393.15.00

5 Also 300 acres late Mr Annesley in the 6th lott charged upon Sir Edward Patherich, there beinge in arrere £112.10.00 which is alledged paid in the Country but no letter expressinge the same, where upon the clarke is to acquaint him therewith

6 John Rye 150 acres in the 8th lott, there being in arrere upon the same £56.05.00

7 John Latham Esqr 150 acres in the 8th lott, there being in arrere upon the same £75.07.06.

John Rusell Esqr 3775 acres in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9th, 11th and 14th lotts, there being in arrere upon the same £315.12.06 which hee expects in abatement for lands cutt

8 William Crane Esqr 3000 acres in the 16th lott, there being in arrere upon the some £375 but hee expectes an abatement for tymber sold to Christianne which hee is to acquaint the Companie how much it was and that quantity

9 Richard Gorges Esqr 4000 acres in the 6th and 11th lotts arrere £1500 p viz - for 300 acre in the 6th lott and 3700 acres in the 11th Lott.

10 Isaac Jones Esqr 8000 acres in the 14th, 11th and 19th lotts in arrere £3900

11 Sir Gilbert Gerard 2000 acres in the 14th and 17th lotts in arrere £750

04/11/50 4 Whereas Lieutenant Colonell Dodson, in arrere 9 severall taxes of 15d per acre for 306 acres parcell of the 8th and 10th lotts and this being a publique daie for sale of defaulting land, the said 306 acres were exposed to sale. And Mr Thurloe, beinge present, offered 11s 3d an acre for the same which beinge theire propounded and none offering more, the said 306 acres are hereby sold unto the said Mr Thurloe and it is ordered that a conveyance thereof from the Company shall bee made unto the said Mr Thurloe and his heires or to such person or persons as hee shall nominate and appoint and theire heires

08/11/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Valentine Walton Esqr, John Carill Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Browne

08/11/50 2 Ordered by and with the consent of Mr Fyennes now present that the Companie are willing to give 8 yeaeres purchase for the 114 acres of land in Waldersey for the terme of 27 yeaeres, and 3 yeaeres purchase for the reversion and 8 yeaeres purchase for the rent and do desire the judges to whome the same was referred to make report accordingly

08/11/50 3 **[Page 67]** Memorand that a conveyance bee drawne for Colonell Valentine Walton for his 250 acres in the 8th lott, lately belonging to Mr Payne and Mr Scawen

08/11/50 4 Ordered that every Monday, Wednesday and Fridaie is appointed tymes for sale of defaulters landes betweene the howers of 2 and 5 of the clocke in the afternoone untill the said defaulters have paid in theire taxes or untill theire landes are sold

13/11/50 1 Upon reading a letter from Mr Hamond of the 10th November last, the Companie did approve of the choice of overseers whose names were sent up there inclosed and as touchinge Captain Land and Captain Best, it was referred to Mr Hamond to doe therein as hee thinkes fitt and the Companie will owne it.

13/11/50 2 Ordered that Mr Wivell and Mr Townsend shall have theire money restored backe againe which formerly they deposited for or in respect of the same which they pretended to have of 800 acres late Sir Charles Harboard and the bargaine by consent of both parties now present is to bee vacated

13/11/50 3 Upon reading of a paper received from Mr Turner, beinge observations which hee made of certaine defects in the workes, it is ordered that a copie of the said paper shall bee sent inclosed in a letter to Mr Hamond to desire him to take care that the same defecte may bee amended and to see Mr Turner paid the 10s which hee disbursed and to retorne him thankes from the Companie for his care of the workes

15/11/50 1 Earle of Bedford, John Russell Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Andrew Henley Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Trafford, Mr Thurloe

15/11/50 2 Memorand. Mr Crane is desired to attend the judges together with the clarke of the Companie to desire them to meete in the Middle Temple Hall on Monday next being 18th of November instant according to a former order of adjournment

15/11/50 3 Ordered that a letter bee written to the expenditor to the purpose, hereafter expressed, that is to say that the Companie are desirous to have theire accountt stated for all moneys layd out in the Country by the expenditor to the end they may know what money they have in bancke and how to provide such further supplyes as shall bee nere necessary. And for the manner of accounttng they thinke fitt that the expenditor bee sent to, to being his accountt for such **[Page 68]** workes as are allready perfected, that is to say for the openinge of Wisbech River, Borough Bancke and the bancks on both sides of Moreton Leame and Waldersey, all which being quite finished, the Companie doe order that the accountts for them, or such of them as can bee first made ready, bee sent up to them forthwith.

15/11/50 4 Ordered that Mr Latch bee desired to consider of the tithe of Mr Fyennes and Mr Burrell to the landes in Waldersea which the Companie have purchased of them and to draw up such conveyances as are fitt for the Companie to have. And the treasurer is hereby ordered to give him a fee for the same. And it is further ordered that hee bee reteyned of councell for the Companie before the Commission at theire meeting in the Middle Temple Hall on Monday next.

20/11/50 1 Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Page, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Trafford, Mr Arthur, Mr John Thurloe, Mr Browne

20/11/50 2 A petition was this day presented to the Company by one Mr Allen touchinge some materialls that were imbezilled away by one Symon Baseley and thereupon the Companie will consider in whose name to convene an action against the said Symon Baseley and ask Mr Latch his advice therein

20/11/50 3 Ordered that the messenger that went last downe into the fennes to Mr Hamond at Wisbech shall have allowed and paid unto him by the treasurer 24s for his expences and twenty shillings more for his paynes

20/11/50 4 Ordered that Hugh Farnham shall bee the messenger to the Companie and hee shall have an allowance of seaven shillinges a weeke to begin from this day

20/11/50 5 Whereas Mr Lake, the clarke comptroller of the workes, this day acquainted the Companie that in regard of his other occasions hee could not bee resident upon the workes and thereupon hee desires to relinquish the said place, and the Company have accordingly acquitted him of and from the said imployment, whereupon Mr Arthur Tench, having formerly given satisfaction to the Companie of his abilityes for execution of the said place, it is ordered and thought fitt that the said Mr Arthur Tench shall have the said place of clarke comptroller of the workes, together with the sallary of eighty poundes per annum and to bee paid unto him by the expendor as other sallaries are and the said sallary is to commence from Michalmas last past, and hee is to pursue and observe such instructions touching that imployment of clarke comptroller of the workes as is expressed in the order made at Wisbech the 28th day of March last.

20/11/50 6 [Page 69] Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to signifie unto him that the Companie are not satisfyed nor can they esteeme that outfalls are in any happie condition without an assurance that the clay hill or bancke att the Horse Shoe is removed and taken away and to that end they desire him to advise with Christianne and other artists that so care may bee taken for removinge thereof with all possible speed.

22/11/50 1 Earl of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Colonell Valentine Walton, John Trafford, John Arthur Esqr, Mr Carill, Mr Thurloe

22/11/50 2 Upon consideration had of the great necessity of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden his repaire downe to the workes, it is thought fitt and ordered that a letter bee sent unto him from the Companie. In manner following viz -

Sir - The Companie are very sensible how much they have suffered allready by your absence from the workes though they have hitherto said very little thereof, hopinge you would have retorne theither in some convenient tyme, but findinge you still engaged here upon a perticular husines of your owne, cannot but acquaint you with theire just resentment of this great miscarriage, and that they did instruct you with the great worke, whereupon the whole estate of many of this Company doth depend upon the confidence they had of your great abilitye in workes of this nature and they conceive there is as much neede of your being upon the workes now to see how they hold and where they are put to most stresse by theis extreme floodes as there was at first, to contrive them many great dangers, by a man of art and still upon the place may

be prevented which otherwise will fall upon us, and of this wee have allready woefull experience. The dam at the Horseshoe wee are sure hath byn allready and is againe upon theis great floodes, likely to be fatall to us which wee easily believe by some contrivement of yours might have byn removed. This yet contynues and is likely so to doe, though wee believe those upon the place will bee carefull to doe what they can. Besides, the workes at Tid are of great moment to us and how theise will be performed, and there is noe body to examyn whome we can relye upon in point of skill and we believe it is very considerable that you should see it before it run, there beinge so great a heade of water upon it. Upon the whole [Page 70] wee cannot bee possibly satisfied unles you goe forthwith downe and reside upon the workes, in default whereof wee must not onely put every miscarriage upon your accoumpt but take some other course for our future security.

Your loving friends

Bedford  
Valentyne Walton  
John Trafford  
John Carill  
Rober Castell  
Edward Partherich  
Robert Henley  
William Crane  
Edmund Page  
John Arthur

22nd November 1650

22/11/50	3	Upon consideration had of the taxes due upon the first lott, it is ordered that Mr Latch shall have notice to pay in the taxes for the same or otherwise the Companie will sell the same. And notice is to be given to Lieutenant Francis Underwood that hee and such other persons to whome Mr Latch owes a great some of money may buy the same on the Companie
22/11/50	4	Memorand that Mr Bradleys 833 acres in the 6th lott are to be exposed to sale on Monday next
22/11/50	5	Whereas Mr Richard Bate is in arrere for fower 15d taxes due in May, June, July and August last for his share or proportion of 500 acres parcell of the eighth lott and whereas Doctor Bate is also in arrere fower 15d taxes due in May, June, July and August last for his share or proportion of 250 acres, being likewise parcell of the 8th lott, and whereas Fabyan Phillips is also in arrere fower 15d taxes due in May, June, July and August last for his like share or proportion of 250 acres parcell of the 8th lott, amounting in the whole to one thousand acres formerly belonginge to Doctor Sammes, the Companie present takinge the same into consideration and this beinge a publique day appointed for sale of defaulters landes, the said one thousand acres were exposed to sale and Robert Henley Esqr beinge then present offered 11s 3d per acre for the said 1000 acres, whereupon beinge theire propounded and none offeringe more for the same, it was thought fitt and hereby ordered that the said 1000 acres are sold unto the said Robert Henley at the rate of 11s 3d per acre, as aforesaid, and it is further ordered that a conveyance thereof shall bee made unto the said Robert Henley and his heirs or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate or appoint and to theire heirs.
22/11/50	6	Whereas Sir Myles Sandys knight and baronett is in arrere for fower 15d taxes due in May, June, July and August last for his share of proportion of 1390 acres parcell of the

13th lott, the Companie takeing it into consideration and this beinge appointed a publique day for sale of defaulters land, 700 acres, part of the said proportion of 1390 acres, were now exposed to sale and William Crane Esqr, being present for and on the behalfe of John Crane of Cambridge Esqr, offered to purchase the said 700 acres and to give for the said 9s 3d per acre, whereupon being theire propounded and none offering more [Page 71] for the same, the said 700 acres are hereby sold unto the said John Crane at the rate of 9s 3d per acre and it is further ordered that a conveyance thereof shall bee made unto the said John Crane and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate or appoint and to theire heires

22/11/50      7      Ordered upon the motion of Colonell Walton that hee shall have 2000 acres of Adventurers landes sold unto him by the Companie to be taken out of Mr Gorges lott, Mr Tyrninghams lott or Sir Gilber Gerards lott at his owne election on Wednesday next unlesse the taxes bee paid for the said landes before that tyme

27/11/50      1      Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, William Crane Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Colonell Valentyne Walton, Mr Page, Robert Castell Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, John Trechard Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trafford, Mr Williams, Mr Carill, Mr Allen

27/11/50      2      Colonell Thomas Castell came to informe the Companie touching some reparyation the Country is expected for some grievances

1 As touching land cutt through for which satisfaction ought to bee made whereupon the order of the 1st of November instant beinge reade unto him, hee confessed hee was thereby satisfyed touching the same now, though before knew of no such order. Thereof it is ordered that the clarke shall give him a copie thereof.

And that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to know whether hee hath published the said order accordingly as was desired by the Companie

2 Another was, for want of wayes and passages, the Country were like to bee much prejudiced

3 Was for want of the repaire of a great bancke for Erith to the end of the bancke on the south side of the old Owse, for want thereof the Country were lyable to bee drowned in summer as well as in winter tyme

Whereupon and upon his information, the Companie made answer they would within a few days retorne him such an answer as should satisfye both him and the Country

27/11/50      3      Upon motion made by Captain Fisher, now present, on the behalfe of the towne of Wisbich touching a bridge to bee made there and what the Companie would contribute there unto and upon reading of an order of the 2nd October last as also a letter from Mr Hamond of the 24th October then followinge touching the same, it was put to the vote what the Company would contribute towards the same and the question being put to the vote, the major part were of opinion that the some of £200 was sufficient which was ordered accordingly, provided allways that the towne of Wisbich, at theire owne propoer costs and charges, are from tyme to tyme to repaire and mayteyne the same, where upon the said Captain Fisher beinge therewith acquainted, hee told the Companie hee would signifie this theire order unto the towne of Wisbich for theire acceptance but had no instructions to take lesse then £300

27/11/50 4 [Page 72] Upon further motion made by Captain Fisher on the behalfe of the towne of Wisbich that in regard Sir Cornelius Vermuyden had take up the sluice which used to stand betweene the towne of Wisbech and the Horse Shoe and thereby had much prejudiced the towne and Country for want of speedy passage to and from Marshland and other parts, and for as much as the Companie were informed that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden gave away materialls for the said sluice to one Marioram of Wisbich, it is ordered that a letter bee sent to Mr Hamond to desire him to enquire out the truth thereof and what the same was worth and what such another sluice will cost setting up

27/11/50 5 Whereas Sir Gilbert Gerard Baronett hath made default in payinge 6 15d taxes for his share or proportion of 1000 acres which hee subscribed for and which lately did belong unto Sir Robert Gorges knight and are part of parcell of the 17th lott which taxes were peremptorily due and payable on the last of September 1650, as by order of the 20th June may appeare, and whereas the late Earle of Bullingbrooke and others have made default in payment of the severall taxes of 15d per acre due and payable for 1000 acres of his Adventure land, beinge part of parcell of the 9th lott to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstanding severall dayes have from tyme to tyme byn appointed for payment thereof, now for as much as William Legge Esqr hath offered to give 11s 3d per acre for the purchase of the said 2000 acres of Adventure landes and this beinge a publique daie for sale of the said landes, and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said landes, the Companie after the same was propounded doe in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, hereby sell the said 2000 acres of Adventure landes unto the said William Legge and it is further ordered that a conveyance thereof shall bee made unto the said William Legge and his heires or unto such person or persons as hee shall nominate and to theire heires

27/11/50 6 Agreed and ordered that on Friday next some rule bee made touching the sale of landes

27/11/50 7 Whereras Mr Bellamy, an agent for the Earle of Westmorland, came and demanded the some of £239 for 26 acres 2 roddes and 22 perches of land at the rate of 9s per acres cut through and prejudiced by the Companie in order to the workes of dreyninge, according to an agreement made for the same, since which it appearing that the said Earle hath but an estate for life in the said landes, it was thought fitt that for the present the treasurer should pay unto the said Mr Bellamy, for the use of the said Earle, the some of £100 in parte of the said some of £239. And it is further ordered that the said Mr Bellamy doe first enter into bond of the penall some of £200 to the fower trustees for the Company with the condition that at or before the next sitting of the Commissioners nominated in the Acte, hee shall procure the said quantity of land by consent of the said Earle, to be ordered and decreed unto the said Adventurers or to such persons as the shall nominate or in default thereof shall forthwith, upon demand, repay the said some of £100 to the treasurer *pro tempore existente*.

27/11/50 8 [Page 73] Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Turner to desire him from the Companie to contynue his care of looking to the bancke from Peterborough on the northside of Moreton's Leame, and that hee would take upon him to recomend fitt and honest men to take care to looke to performe and keepe the said banke. And it is recommended to Mr Hamond to allow of them to take care of such labourers sallaryes hee shall thinke fitt. And Mr Turner is further desired to stop and present all wayes and passages over ditches nere Peterborough whereby cattel may doe prejudice to the backes and he informe the Companie what other thinges are for theire advantage in the said workes.

27/11/50 9 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond from the Companie to desire him to joyne with the expenditor to contracte upon Mr Bellamy on the behalfe of the Earle of

Westmorland for all such his lands as are cut through and prejudiced and are not yet contracted for.

29/11/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, Mr Marsham, Mr Robert Henley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Page

29/11/50 2 The Companie takinge into there consideration Mr John Marshalls accoumpts which being part read over, it appeared there was noe vouchers or names attested to the severall perticulars of the said accoumpts but onely sette downe in grosse what materrialls he had received and what hee had delivered out, whereupon the Companie present thought fitt and ordered that Mr Hamond, Lieutenant Colonell Underwood and Mr Burton bee hereby desired to receive, settle and state the said accoumpts together with his sallary, and are desired to examyn what materrialls hee hath received and from tyme to tyme delivered and issued out and to whome and what vouchers hee hath for the same and what materrialls remayne in his custodye.

29/11/50 4 Motion being made that Mr Hamond might have liberty from the Company to come to London upon some occasions of his owne. It is thought fitt and ordered accordingly.

29/11/50 5 The Companie being very sensible of the great wronge and apparant prejudice they have lately susteyned touching theire materrialls, some being imbezilled, others stollen away and lost, it is ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Hamond to desire him to summon in all the overseers to examyn what have byn imbezilled, lost and stolen away and a perticular account bee taken to preserve them against the next somer. And in the meantyme that honest and fitt men may bee employed and intrusted with them.

29/11/50 6 An answer of the Company unto a letter lately received from Mr Hare, surveyour, was ordered to bee to this effecte viz -

That the Adventurers were resolved to employ him on the survey of the Great Levell of the Fennes and to that ende doe desire him so soone as hee may dispence with his other occasions and imployment, to meete the Companie at Mr Henleyes howse without Temple Barre there to receive instructions from the Companie in this behalfe

**[Page 74]** And hee is to bring up all mappes, surveys, bookees, evidences and wrtinges that doe any way concerne the Companie of Adventurers in the Great Levell of the Fennes.

04/12/50 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Andrew Hebley Esqr, Mr Arthur

04/12/50 2 The Company had some debate touching the some of £30 upon a bill of exchange from Mr John Symmes of Lyn, merchant, which Mr Castell did demand from the Companie whereupon it was referred to bee taken into consideration at a fuller meeting of the Companie

06/12/50 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Carrill Esqr, John Trafford Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Lukins

06/12/50 2 Ordered that a letter bee written to Captain Kendall in answer to his letter of the 2nd December instant to this effecte viz

That as at first the Companie had an eie to the service of the Country when the overtoes were made so if any prejudice does thereby redownd to the Country, they shall certifie what is amis, and as for barres on the banckes there shall bee severall keyes left with perticular persons for accomodation of publique messengers to and

from and as to the casting the river from Croyland to Guyhurne, it beinge newly propounded, the Companie will advise with theire director and thereupon retorne a satisfactory answer to the Country

06/12/50 3 Ordered that the treasurer write a letter to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to this effecte as followeth.

That the Companie desire to bee informed from him in what condition theire workes are and in case they are finished they desire a perticular account of every worke and the dimensions, and whether the whole workes does conduce a perfect dreyning of the landes on the north side of Bedford River and that hee bee desired to send up a full exact and perfecte relation thereof whereby the Companie may reasonably demande an adjudication of that part of the levell.

13/12/50 1 [Page 75] Sir Gilbert Gerard, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Page, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Mr Trenchard, Mr Thurloe, Mr Carrill, Mr Browne, Colonell Walton

13/12/50 2 Heades of a letter agreed upon to bee sent to Mr Hamond in answer to his letter of the 7th December as followeth

1 And first the new cut at the Horseshoe that has byn lately made cannot bee deepended this winter tyme, the Companie doe agree with him that the sluice may bee best kept runninge untill somer tyme and the dam kept to full depth

2 As touchinge the sluice betweene the towne of Wisbich and the Horse Shoe, the Companie will take into theire consideration at some other meetinge.

3 Touchinge the imbezillinge of materialls and for remedy therein they hope to send by the next retorne a warrant from my Lord Chiefe Justice

4 And as touchine spindles, they would have the overseers called to an account for all such spindles in theire custodie before they are discharged

5 That Mr Hamond conferre with Sir Cornelius Vermuyden touchinge the settinge another sluice at Tid

13/12/50 3 Upon reading and perusinge of the expenditors accoumpts, it is agreed and ordered that a letter should first bee sent unto him to desire him to send up word on theire severall somes of money were paid viz - £12 from Mr Hampson, £100 the Lord Chief Justice St John upon Mr James Edwards Bill and £10 on the bill No 27, and whether or noe they come not upon by next accoumpt

13/12/50 4 Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Burton and Mr Tench to desire them both to send up copies of theire accoumpts into theire bookes and Mr Tench is to certifie from whome hee takes accoumpt of comptrolle.

13/12/50 5 Whereupon motion made by Mr Smith, Clarke to the Companie, that hee might have leave to goe out of towne upon some occasion of busines leaving John Hopkinson deputie in his absence it is ordered accordingly so as hee retorne againe within a month after Monday next

13/12/50 6 Mr Trenchard moved the Companie to have theire accoumpts stated and that some speedy way may bee taken for the raising of mony in January, February, March and Aprill next towards the pursuance of the workes of dreyninge

13/12/50 7 Whereupon it was resolved and ordered that the Companie doe intend to meeete every other daie at 2 a clocke in the afternoone for stating accoumpts and providinge a present supply of money and not to bee in hand any other busines untill they have performed the same

20/12/50 1 Sir Myles Sandys, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trafford, Mr Carrill, Mr Thurloe, Mr Baldwyn Arthur

20/12/50 2 Mr Thurloe reported to the Companie the necessity of having all accoumpts stated and in order there unto that Mr Jessop may bee desired to goe downe [Page 76] into the Country and state the accoumpts thereof, which beinge propounded to Mr Jessop, now present, hee was willing to accept of the same and as touching his sallary referred himselfe to the Companie

20/12/50 3 Ordered that a letter bee written to the expenditor and to Mr Burton to desire them to send up a perticular accoumpt out of theire bookes of all monyes paid and disbursed which letter was sent accordingly

20/12/50 4 Ordered that on Monday morninge next is the tyme appointed for reporting of the treasurers accoumpts. In the meane tyme, notice is to bee given to the rest of the Companie who are desired to meeete touchinge the same

20/12/50 5 The Companie taking that part of Mr Hamonds letter into consideration touchinge the dam at the Horseshoe doe thinke fitt that the committee consistinge of 9 persons, or any 5 of them, bee desired to make some order theirein to bee sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden in Mondaie next

23/12/50 1 Sir Myles Sandys, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Thomas Thyme, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, William Adams Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Trenchard, Mr Fountayne

23/12/50 2 Agreed that all accoumpts are to bee brought in and stated to Sir Thomas daie last, and the instructions are likewise to bee sent to give notice to all accoumptants in the Categorie

23/12/50 3 Mr Thurloe made report to the Companie of the treasurers accoumpts accordinge to the order of refference of the 20th of December instant by which accoumpts it then appeared, admitting the said accoumpts were allowed, by which accoumpts it appeared that there was in cash in the treasurers handes the some of £3590 besides what remayned in arrere upon defaulters which was £10013 *in toto* £13603

23/12/50 4 Memorand that Mr Bradley may have notice given unto him that on Friday next hee may have (if hee so pleases) an assurance from the Companie of Doctor Sams his land claymed by him in the 8th lott.

23/12/50 5 Ordered that Mr Henley, Mr Fountayne, Mr Adams, Mr Thurloe and Mr Carrill or any 3 of them bee desired to meeete on Friday next at 2 of the clocke in the afternoone to take into consideration the case touchinge the 3600 acres in the 1st lott and Mr Latch is to bee there present who is to be heard touching the same and Mr Latches deed is to bee produced

23/12/50 6 Whereas it appeared by the paper of arreres that William Crane Esqr was a defaulter in paying in the some of £175, and it beinge then alledged that hee had furnished the Companie with tymber in the Country but in regard it did not appear how much, it is ordered that a letter bee sent unto him to desire him to procure a note or discharge from the expendor, otherwise the Companie will not allow of the same.

And a letter was sent accordingly

23/12/50 7 **[Page 77]** Ordered that a letter bee written to Mr Castell that the Companie, havinge taken into consideration a paper left with the clarke touching his demand of £30, whereupon they had some debate, yet nevertheless it was then thought fitt that the said Mr Castell should pay in his arrere of £30 due to the Companie

27/12/50 1 Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Latch, Mr Adams, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Mr Carrill

27/12/50 2 Upon reading of a letter from Mr Hamond of the 22nd of December instant, it is ordered that an answer thereto bee sent unto him from the treasurer as followeth viz -

- That as touching that of Waldersea, they believe that Palmers survey is in the right, they desire to bee enformed whether Kingscrofts surveye takes in the comon as well as the severall without makinge any distinction thereof, and as for paying the £500 to Mr Fyennes the case stands that if Palmers survey bee right there wants 98 acres of what by the contracte wee ought to have which at 55s per acre comes to £269.10.00 which taken out of £1010.06.00 there will remayne but £740.10.00 and the remediation after 27 yeares of a 3rd part thereof is to bee paid to Mr Rows besides the rest referred thereupon, and Mr Burrell allready hath received £330 so that there will remayne but £410 in theire handes to satisfye Mr Rows with and Mr Fyennes too and therefore it will bee impossible to pay Mr Fyennes £500. The Companie will perfect the bargain if they will goe on with Palmers survey and will pay the mony but that shall be due thereupon
- For the agreement for the land of my Lord of Westmorland, they desire Mr Hamond to take care that my Lord bee not paid for that land which the Adventurers are to have out of his which is owed to my Lord St John.
- For the same at the sluice, 5 of the 9 persons appointed to makinge the whole have sent you an order here enclosed which they desire to send to Mr Burton to see it done accordingly
- The Company conceive they cannot well demand judgement untill the indreynes bee in a readines and they desire that they may bee so continued that they may serve for wayes and passages which they conceive may bee done by throwing the earth on one side of the dreyne.
- That notice bee given to the severall persons that are to accoumpt to the Companie, the auditor beinge to goe downe very sodainly
- The Companie are extreamly troubled that theire workes are so contrived that theire mayne banckes must bee cut upon every slight occasion

Robert Henley

which letter was sent accordingly to Mr Hamond with the subsequent order there enclosed with direction that Mr Burton should see the same put in execution

27/12/50 3 Whereas the Company, upon information out of the Countrye that the dam made at the Horseshoe below Wisbech River was turned through the new cutt and was by Mr Hamonds directions cutt up and the water suffered to passe through the sluice which did very much ease the water above and helpe the speedie passage to the sea and that notwithstanding Sir Cornelius Vermuyden had given order to make up againe that dam, the Companie did, by an order of the 20th December last, order that the nyne persons or any five of them appointed by an order of the 10th January to manage the workes of dreyninge [Page 78] and whose order and directions in and about the dreyninge by the Articles of Agreement made betweene the Companie and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, and the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is to observe and bee subiecte to, should consider of the said dam and of the information certified about it and to give some order therein, the said persons accordingly, takeinge the same into consideration, doe find that the reason why the said dam was at first cutt was because the said new dreyne is not made eyther to its full depth or breadth, neyther does it bare any proportion eyther to the river above or below it, whereby it must needs bee a greate choake and stoppage to the water in the tyme of floodes and in the dryest tyme of winter keepe up the river higher then otherwise it would bee and thereby makes all the charge layd out by the Companie fruitles and in vaine, and they are sufficiently satisfyed that the said cutt cannot bee made perfecte this winter without excessive charge to the Companie and that the openninge the said dam whereby the water may run through the said sluice is the best meanes to supply that defecte that that dam, being as they are enformed of late made up againe, bee fothwith cut againe to the best depth it can and so to continue all this winter

Mr Burton is desired to see this order out in execution

Oliver St John  
Richard Gorges  
Robert Henley  
John Latch  
Sir Myles Sandys

27/12/50 4 Ordered that this precedent order bee sent enclosed letter to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden which letter followeth in his verbis

By direction of the Companie, wee have tooke into consideration the new cutt you have made by the Horse Shoe at Wisbech through which is put all the water that heretofore did goe through the sluice and the sluice dammed up, and upon information that the new cutt by reason of some clay beddes is not yet perfected to their breadth and depth which it ought by your owne designe to bee brought unto, wee thereby apprehended it to be a great stopp to the water and of michievious consequence in tymes of great floodes are therefore untill that cutt can bee fully perfected, which wee believe cannot bee this winter, wee conceive the openninge the sluice for the water to have his course through, but aswell as by the new cutt would be the best meanes to supply that imperfection and hereof there hath byn allready some experience, and therefore have ordered that (as you will see by the enclosed which wee doubt not you will observe) that the dam, whereby the water is turned out of his course through the sluice, bee taken up to the best depth it can. And we have done this not onely because of the danger in the tyme of floodes but because wee know it extremely much concerninge to the service of the Companie in procuringe theire judgement which will bee had upon a view that the river bee allwaies kept very lowe such it can now bee when there is such a drain as these clay hills makes allways lying in the widest thereof. We hartily comende

ourselves unto you, rest.

Your very assured friends

Oliver St John  
Richard Gorges  
Sir Myles Sandys  
Robert Henley  
John Latch

which letter and order enclosed was sent accordingly

27/12/50 5 Ordered that the report of the committee touchinge the 3600 acres in the first lott bee entered as followeth. According to an order of refferrence of the 23rd of December instant wee have examyned the matter of facte touchinge the case of the 3600 acres in the first lott and wee finde abouts and unto Robert Henley Esqr for materialls sold by warrant from Francis late Earle of Bedford and others £620.19.00 or thereabouts, and in recitinge his tithe to the 11<sup>th</sup> lott, late Sir Fillibert Vernatts conveyed the same to the now Earle of Bedford, Edward Russell Esqr, Robert Henley and Robert Castell Esqr and theire heirs, to the intent that they should sell the premisses or any part for the best value they could gett, and with the money raised by sale, pay such persons to whome it shall appeare to bee due by any warrant under the hand of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden or any other lawfully authorized there unto, and by the enrollment of the deede will more fully appeare but the originall wee have not seene it, remayninge with Mr Smith your clarke (as wee are enformed), but wee find there passed no more by this conveyance from Mr Latch but 3600 acres, In regard, 400 acres were sold away by Sir Filibert Vernatt before Mr Latch his tithe, and the purchasors of the 400 acres stand upon the tax roll and wee finde there is due for taxes for the 3600 acres for the 9 taxes payable in August last £2025, upon this matter of facte Mr Latch and wee all agree that the taxes are fitt to bee paid to the Companie and Mr Latch doth not deny the £630.19.00 is payable to Mr Henley for the materialls but doth incist to bee charged to the workemen for no other workes but such as were done before the 23rd of December 1641 when, as hee alledged others were appointed to take care of the workes, now in regard the certainty of the tyme of Mr Latches discharge from or leaving of his office of expenditorishippe did not appear, wee propounded to Mr Latch that he would procure a purchasor who should lay downe the taxes and the Companie should make a conveyance of the 3600 acres to such purchasor who should hold the same lyable onely to the payment of such monyes as are in justice and equite payable by Mr Latch by the copie of a privie seale that the 15th of September 1639, Mr Latch was appointed receivour of severall somes of money for the workes of dreyninge and to bee expenditor. And wee finde that in February 1641 hee had a warrant under the late Kings hand to goe beyond seas and from the 23rd of December 1641, as hee saith, neyther hee of his duputies medled [Page 79] in that busines, now also finde that after his retorne from beyond sea viz - the 23rd December 1647 by a writing indented under his hand and seale which is recited that the said Mr Latch stood indebted (as was alledged) unto diverse workemen and others for and concerninge the late workes of dreyninge the Great Levell; £4500.11.10 or thereabouts, wyther to the workemen or for the materialls or workes done which Mr Latch thought reasonable but thought hee should bee strictured in point of tyme, so that wee must leave it wholy to the Companie what they thinke fitt to doe in the busines

John Fountayne, John Thurloe, John Carill

27/12/50 6 Memorand that on Monday next a 9 a clocke in the morninge is the tyme appointed to take into consideration the treasurers accoumpts to allow or disallow of the same as they see cause and notice is to be given to all the Adventurers now in towne to meeete about the same

30/12/50 1 Mr Gorges, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Isaac Jones Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Balls, Mr Fountayne, Mr Trenchard, Mr Bradley

30/12/50 2 Upon readinge of the report touching the state of the case of 3600 acres in the first lott and, upon hearinge of Mr Latch touchinge the same, in regard that Mr Latch doth freely offer that, in case hee shall not by [Page 80] the ende of March next pay the taxes due, or to bee due before that tyme or by that tyme procure one or more purchasors for the said 3600 acres, who shall likewise pay the said taxes and take the said 3600 acres by conveyance from 5 or more of the Companie, lyable onely to the payment of such moneys as are in justice and equity payable by Mr Latch, eyther to the workemen or for the materialls or workes done, accordinge to the said report and to future taxes, that hee will relinquish all his clayme to the said 3600 acres and joyne in an assurance as the Companie shall thinke fitt, and in regard his case is of much concernment to the Companie for obteyninge of satisfaction for the materialls due to the Companie and procuringe payment of the monyes due to the workemen, which would bee left if the said 3600 acres should not bee sold onely for non payment of taxes, doe therefore thinke fitt and order upon the desire and consent of Mr Latch, as aforesaid, that hee have respitt untill the last day of March next for payment of the taxes and procuringe such purchasor or purchasors as aforesaid and doe further order by, and with the like consent of the said Mr Latch, that in case the said taxes bee not paid or such purchasor or purchasors procured by the tyme aforesaid, the said Mr Latch doe relinquish all his clayme to the same and joyne in assurance as the Companie shall thinke fitt but this order is not to be brought in precedent to stop the sale of any other landes for non payment of taxes

Memorand: Mr Thurloe onely dissented to this order

30/12/50 3 Memorand: That to avoyd all question or dispute touchinge the said order, it is agreed that it shall bee shewen to so many of the Adventurers as are owners of 55000 acres for theire consent there unto

Mr Adams assented to it

03/01/51 1 Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr, Mr Adams, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Andrew Henley

03/01/51 2 Upon readinge a letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden of the 27th December last it is ordered that the treasurers retorne an answer there unto as followeth

Sir I have received yours of the 27 of December last and communicated the same to the Companie who are very glad to heare the levell is in a condition fitt for an adjudication but with all I am desired by them to enforme you what is lately enformed them viz - first that the water lyes high in the fennes upon the Southea Bancke and unles it bee sodainly removed they have cause to feare it will hinder the adjudication, and for the next place that those on the north side of Wisbich complayne that the sluice sett in Wisbich marsh is sett too high so that the water contynues so high still in those marshes that they feare that they shall loose the next somers profit, which will cause some clamour on us though the fault bee theire owne, but will certainly make them backward in contributinge theire proportion to that worke accordinge to theire

agreement. And the preventing any danger or inconvenience by the former particulars and amendinge the defect of the former sluice in setting the other lower, if there bee cause and furtherance of all other the workes (which are many), I am, in the name of the Companie, to make it theire earnest desire that you would bee present in person upon the workes to see how they goe forward above Bedford River and the rest of [Page 81] the workes, and that by your owne view you might bee able to satisfie the Commissioners at the adjudication and to be daylie observed of all accidents which they conceive will tend much to the good of the Companie for the future. They will sodainly take into consideration your propositions for the plantinge beds with osyer willowes and sallowes, and touching the opening the dam at the sluice, the Companie in generall is not fitt to determyn anythinge now or heretofore therein but left it and doe still leave it to five or more of the nyne who are intrusted according to your articles for regulatinge the workes to whome they wish you would in that particular wholy apply yourselfe, and this beinge att the place I rest

You humble servant Robert

03/01/51      3      Upon reading of another letter from Mr Hamond of the 28th December last, it is ordered that the treasurer retorne an answer thereunto to this effecte

That the Companie are glad to heare theire workes and in so good condition, fitt for an adjudication, and that they have lately received a letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, part thereof touching removing of howses, they referre to you to doe therein as you see cause for the good of the Companie

That a petition was read out unto the Companie from Mr Burrell and Mr Morsell. A copie thereof was sent unto Mr Hamond with direction accordinge to the order following

Upon the petition of Mr Lancelott Burrell and Mr Morsell this day read to the Companie, it is ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to examyn the truth of the said petition, and on the behalfe of the Companie, make choice of one gent to joyne with another to bee named by the petitioners, and upon that place examyn what damages hath byn this yeare susteyned by the soake of the bancke and whether it bee like to bee a contynuinge damage or how the same may bee redrest and what benefitt redowndes to them of Waldersey by discharginge of banckes from the necessity of repayre, and Mr Hamond is desired to make retorne to the Companie how hee findes the same so that the petitioners may bee put to noe further trouble

which letter was sent accordingly

10/01/51      1      Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Thurloe, Colonell Valentine Walton, Colonell Alexander Blake, Mr Baldwyn Arthur

10/01/51      2      Instructions to bee observed by Mr Jessop for taking the accoumpts of the expeditor and all others who have received any of the Companies money that are any waies accoumptants to them in the Countrey

The accoumpt will consist of the particulars

1 Is for spade worke, that is to say money expended for making banckes, rivers, dreynes, sluice pitts, dams and the like and that was gone eyther by the pole at a certaine rate of by daies worke

2 The sluce workes and overtoes

3 Materialls of all sorts used in the workes as wheelbarrows, plankes tymber

[Page 82] 4 Sallaries to severall persons

5 Landes bought for the use of the Companie for receptacles and other uses

10/01/51 3 The rules to be observed in takinge the accounts for things comprised in the 1st head are as followeth, and first for that which is lett by the pole

1 It will bee fitt toe begin in the account with those workes in order as they were sett out by the principall overseer Mr Burton and so to order it that one workes may not bee confounded with another but bee kept apart to the ende the Companie may thereby understand what every perticular worke costs

And in taking the accoumpts in that order

1 The clarke comptroller is to give unto the auditor a note of the directions that Sir Cornelius Vermuyden gave for that worke which they first begin upon and so of the rest as they come in order

2 Then Burton, the chief overseer, is to give a copie of his contracte for such worke which is to conteyne the proportion the worke was to bee made of, which is to bee in pursuance of Sir Cornlius Vermuydens directions, and the rates it was to bee lett at. Hee is likewise to give in the names of such persons as were appointed under overseers to see the same performed according to the contracts and likewise theire certificates which they were to deliver to the said Burton upon finishing the said worke which certificates of the under overseers are to conteyne the measure of every worke both how many pole in length the worke is, and whether the proportion according to the contracte were performed to the workemen

10/01/51 4 The auditor, havinge the particulars aforesaid, will be enabled to examyn the expenditor Lieutenant Colonell Underwoods accoumpts as to the particulars aforesaid which accoumpt must be perticular, setting forth how many poles every worke conteyned what proportion every worke was to bee of and the rates, and to make good his accoumpt, hee must produce the duplicate of Burtons contracte, the certificate of the under overseers and the acquittances of the partie that received the money

10/01/51 5 The auditor, hee is likewise to compare how the certificates and contracts delivered in by Burton and the under overseer agree with the entries in the clarke comptrollers booke and likewise with Palmer the under surveyours certificate who is to certifie the measure of every worke, both for the proportions and number of poles, and if Palmer hath byn short in doing that hee is hereby ordered to measure the same on exactly that the auditor may have his retorne before hee finish the audit

1 For the workes done with the spade by the daie, there beinge noe rules made in it, the auditor is to take the best care hee can that the Companie have no wrong in it. Burton was to lett out all such workes and will bee able to give the best satisfaction in it.

2 For the 2nd head which is sluces and overtoes, there hath byn noe rule given about it. Burton hath *de facto* lett out the same to be done at the great by Christianne Direckson. The contracts made by Burton are to bee seene and examyned with the directions of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, given for the same, whether the contracte doe

agree therewith, and then the auditor to take such course as hee can to satisfie himselfe whether those contracts have byn performed and to distinguish, upon the expenditors accoumpts, the severall overtoe and sluces that it may appeare what the change of every one pertains.

**[Page 83]** 3 The third head is materialls which Burton was to provide and hee must give an account, perticularly what tymber, wheelebarrows, plankes were bought, as, for example, how many foote of tymber and at what rate, how many 100 or 1000 wheele barrowes and at what rate, how many planckes of what sizes and the rate, and the persons of whome they were bought, and in the buyinge in of those, for the quallity and quantity hee was to bee guided by the direction of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, surveyour generall and expenditor or any two of them. And the expenditor is to pay for the accordinge, to such rates and prizes as should bee certfyed to him by the said Burton and Palmer, which certificates and acquittances from the person that received the money. The said expenditor is to procure as his warrant for payment of the same, and the certificate is likewise to bee entered in the clarke comptrollers booke and must bee compared with that which the expenditor produceth for his warrant. Burton is likewise to give an account severally to whome and by what warrant they were delivered out, that so there may bee an exacte account taken in whose handes and under whose care the said materialls are now.

#### 4 The 4th head is sallaries

The persons to receive sallaries

- 1 The expenditor himselfe Lieutenant Colonell Francis Underwood
- 2 The principall overseer Burton
- 3 The under surveyour Palmer
- 4 The clarke comptroller Lake or Tench
- 5 The under overseers

The expenditor himselfe is to bee allowed for himselfe and clarke £300 per annum for the 2nd March 1649

The principall overseers £100 per annum paid to begin from the 28th March 1650

The undersurveyours 80 marks per annum from the 28th of March 1650

The clarke comptroller £80 per annum from the tyme hee began his imployment in the Country and for so long as hee was employed

For the under overseers they were to bee appointed and named by the director, surveyour generall and expenditor, and the sallary of each of them so appointed and named is 20s shillings per weeke during theire imployment

For the expenditors sallary, it is to be allowed him and for the clarke comptroller and Palmers, there are noe lymittations on eyther of them, but theire acquittances produced by the expenditor is sufficient warrant for paying them theire sallaries, onely the auditor is to take notice of the faylier of eyther of them in theire duty and certifie the same to the Companie, but for the principall overseer and the under overseers the expenditor hath noe warrant to pay them theire sallaryes untill Palmer hath certfyed him that the workes (under theire respective cares) bee done according to the direction of the said Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, and the certificate and the acquittance of the partie that receives the money is a good warrant to the expenditor to paie, as every one that receives any sallary, as an overseer, had such authority and was so named and

appointed as aforesaid.

5 The 5th head is for landes bought for the use of the Companie. For that the contracte is to bee made by Burton and [Page 84] and confirmed by any two of the persons named in the instructions made at Wisbech, under theire handes, and sealed, which the expenditor is to produce upon his account, as also the acquittance of the parties that received the money. It must appeare to the auditor how much the landes of whome it was bought, for what estate and where it lyes, and the auditor is to state the whole account of landes taken to the use of the Companie, since the Acte of Parliament for the workes on the north side of Bedford River, whether the same bee yet paid for or not, distinguishinge those that are paid from those that are not paid for and hee is likewise to enforme himselfe what conveyance is made to the Companie of any of the landes which are allready paid for.

The instructions made at Wisbech of 28th of March 1650 are to be delivered to the auditor to the ende hee may thereby informe himselfe further for the stating the said accountts

10/01/51	6	And if the expenditor hath paid any other somes of money not cominge within the instructions of Wisbich northside, now given to the auditor, hee must for his warrant place the order of the Companie, authorising him to paie such some and the acquittance of the parties that received it.
10/01/51	7	If anythinge falleth upon the accountt that comes not within any of these instructions, the auditor, notwithstandinge, to take it as it is offered to him, and represent it to the Companie
10/01/51	8	Whereas Mr Jessop having complyed with the desires of the Companie to goe downe to Wisbich to state theire accountts there, they doe hereby appointe and authorize the said Mr Jessop to call before him all and every person whatsoever which have received any some or somes of money of the Companie, or by theire appointment, or are any way accountable unto them, and to state and audite theire severall accountts accordinge to such instructions as the Companie have given unto the said Mr Jessop for the purpose. And it is hereby ordered that the said Mr Jessop did represent to the Companie the severall accountts by him stated for theire approbation.
10/01/51	9	Whereas Mr Jessop, having undertaking a long tedious and troublesome journey to Wisbich for stating the accountts of the Companie, and having for his satisfaction for the said service and for his former services, referred himselfe to the consideration of the Companie, it is now ordered that upon his retorne out of the Country it bee taken into consideration what is fitt to bee given to the said Mr Jesop for his great paynes and respects for the good of the Company
10/01/51	10	Ordered that the treasurer write a letter to the expenditor in manner followinge viz -  I have recommended your letter to the Companie wherein they finde you will bee ready with your accountts at Wisbech and accordingly they have sent downe Mr Jessop [Page 85] to audit not onely your accountt but all others that are accountable to them there, and intreat you to make what dispatch you can that the auditor may not bee deteyned in the Country longer then needes must. If Mr Jesop desires any money of you for his charges, it is desired you to paie it to him and to put it upon your accountt, and for that part of you letter which speakes of leaving your office of expenditorshipp, the Companie desires you to thinke upon noe such matter, and they have comanded mee to tell you that they will not thinke of providinge for themselves any other expenditor for the next yeare, the workes whereof will not bee in so many

places as this yeare and so difficult to the expendor in his payments as they have byn.

13/01/51 1 Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr latch, Mr Thurloe, Mr Page, Mr Carrill, Mr Trenchard

13/01/51 2 Ordered that the treasurer doe paie or cause to bee paid unto Mr Edward Bellamy for the use of the Earle of Westmorland the some of two hundred and fortie poundes, hee the said Edward Bellamy first entering into bond of the penalty of £680 to the 4 trustees for the use of the Companie for payment of £340, at or upon the 24th of February next.

15/01/51 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carrill, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr Thurloe, Mr Benjamyn Arthur

15/01/51 2 Sir Charles Harbord 800 acres in the 16th lott  
Isaac Jones Esqr 4000 acres in the 11th and 19<sup>th</sup> lott  
Mr Bradley 300 acres in the 8th lott  
Mr Ryne 150 acres in the 8th lott  
Mr Gorges 4000 acres in the 6th and 15th lott  
Mr Latham 150 acres in the 8th lott  
Mr Scawen 50 acres in the 9th lott  
Mr Legge late Earle of Bullenbrooke in the 9th lott  
Mr Latch 700 acres in the 8<sup>th</sup> lott  
Sir Miles Sandys 4547 acres in the 10th and 13th lott

[Page 86] Ordered that theis landes, in order as they stand on Monday next at nyne of the clocke in the morning, are to bee exposed to sale. In the mean tyme notice is to bee given to the parties concerned.

20/01/51 1 Lord Chief Justice St John, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr John Trenchard, Mr Hamond, Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Isaac Jones, Colonell Walton, Major Blake, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Carrill, Mr Baldwyn Arthur

20/01/51 2 Mr Hamond being lately come from Wisbech came and made this day some report touching the workes, as also touching the last flood which hee said was within two foote of the toppe of Waldersey bancke but it was fallen againe a foote and a halfe on Wednesday at Wisbich, and in the afternoone of the daie hee took his journey towards London

20/01/51 3 And as touching the downfall said it hath gained 6 or 7 foote deep from the Horse Shoe downwards, whereupon and upon his further relation unto the Companie touchinge the sufficiency of their workes, the Companie retorne thankes unto him for his great care and paynes hee hath taken for them.

20/01/51 4 A copie of the Law of Sewers held at Wisbich was delivered in by Mr Hamond and likewise a letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden which being read over to the Companie, as also a paper being a direction for the dreyne from Bedford River to Ramsey Mere, it was ordered that the treasurer should retorne an answer to Sir Cornelius Vermuydens letter to this effecte: That the Companie would have him take into consideration the making a sluice of 6 foote waterwaie nere the north overtoe at Guyhurne which they conceive very needful

20/01/51 5 That hee would answer a former letter written to him about indreynes to be made in the north and middle levell and that the Companie may better understand them. They conceive it best that hee describe them upon a mappe which Mr Palmer is by his directions to make, and they desire that Palmer may hasten up that map because they

are told hee intends to make a perfecte discription there upon of all the workes have byn done by his direction

which letter was sent accordingly

20/01/51 6 Ordered that in preparation to an adjudication, Mr Hamond, Mr Trenchard, Mr Latch and Mr Thurloe, or any two of them, are desired to take into theire consideration all the workes that have byn done in the late Earle of Bedford's undertaking and since, and they have power to call before them a surveyour appointed for drawing of a map or mappes of the workes for the purpose whereby they may satisfie the Commissioners and they are desired with all convenient speede to make report thereof to the Companie

20/01/51 p.m 1 Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Mr Delavall

20/01/51 p.m 2 Ordered that the treasurer write a letter to Mr Tench to this effecte that the Companie, having byn acquainted with some inconvenience occasioned by the cut made on the Erith bancke, theire pleasure is that great care may bee [Page 87] speedily taken for making up the said cutt, that it may be farre stronger now made then formerly it was. And that Mr Burton may have notice of the Companies pleasure herein to see the same done accordingly

20/01/51 p.m 3 Upon information of Mr Hamond, it is ordered that one Mr Bowers, sometymes appointed overseer of the workes, bee now discharged of and from that imployment, as also of and from any other service touchinge the Companie

20/01/51 p.m 4 Memorand that the Companie now present doe thinke fitt that on and above the charge and expence for perfectinge the workes on the north side of Bedford River, there should bee in cash, in the treasurers handes, by the end of February, the some of £10000 to begin the workes on the first of March next

22/01/51 1 Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr Latch, Mr Carrill, Mr Fountayne, Mr Hamond, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Thurloe, Mr Trenchard, Robert Henley Jnr

22/01/51 2 Whereas the six 1d taxes that were imposed upon 4000 acres of the Adventurers landes in the 11th and 19th lotts belonginge to Isaac Jones Esqr are heither to unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstanding severall daies have byn from tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof, for as much as John Fountayne Esqr hath offered to give 7s and 6d per acre and £350 more, being in all £1850 for the purchase of the said 4000 acres of Adventurers landes, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance of and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 4000 acres of Adventure landes unto the said John Fountayne to have and to hold to him and his heires, paying forthwith (upon perfecting the assurance) unto John Fountayne Esqr for the use of the Companie, 7s 6d for every acre of the said 4000 acres and £350 on and above the same. And it is hereby ordered that the said 4000 acres of Adventurer landes shall bee assured to the said John Fountayne, his heires and assigned according to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament is lymittted and appointed

24/01/51 2 Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr, Mr Carrill, Mr Hamond, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Thurloe, Mr Robert Henley Jnr, Mr Wakefield

24/01/51 3 Takeinge into consideration the great prejudice hath redowned to the Companie touching the cutt on [Page 88] the north overtoe at Guyhurne that a letter should bee written and sent to Mr Burton in manner followinge

Mr Burton - Wee heare more and more every day of the great mischiefe the breach in the north banke hath done us, not onely in the reputation of our workes but in many other particulars, and wee are the more troubled at it because wee are satisyed it proceeded merely out of neglecte in those that had the care thereof which wee could not have imagined that any man that expectes not to forfeite his imployment with us could have byn guilty of in a matter of such high concernment. Wee did write before, you to see that breach speedily made up and, strongly, wee doe againe repeate that comand to you, if other floodes should come before that breach bee made up, and the winde in the south west, wee know what mischiefe it will doe, and therefore bee sure you neglecte it not, and if water in that north levell will hereafter flow into the river, another lesser cutt may bee made in another place, such provision being aforesaid made ready for the making up againe in case of a flood, that wee may not againe bee surprised. But yet all this cannot satisfie us, we must have an account of the former neglecte and therefore wee would have you satisfie us under whose care that workes was, wee heare Newton undertooke (and if hee did it will concerne him to give an account to us of it, and so wee would have you tell him)

Your loving friends

Edward Partherich  
Robert Henley  
William Wakefield  
John Thurloe  
Robert Henley

which letter was send accordingly

24/01/51	4	Ordered that most part of the Adventurers now in towne are desired to attend my Lord Chief Justice St John at his chamber at Lincoln Inne tomorrow by 2 a clocke in the afternoone
31/01/51	1	Sir Edward Patherich, Mr Latch, Mr Gale, Mr Page, Mr Baldwyn Arthur
31/01/51	2	Ordered that the messenger sumon in all the Adventurers in towne to mee on Fridaie next and 9 a clocke in the morninge about weighty busines of the Companie
03/02/51	1	Earle of Bedford, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, John Trenchard Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Mr Baldwyn Arthur
03/02/51	2	Whereas Mr Jessop lately retorneed from Wisbich and other parts of the great levell about stating [Page 89] the accoumpts there in the Country, it is thought fitt and now ordered that the said Mr Jessop bee desired to attend the Companie on Wednesday next at two of the clocke in the afternoone to declare unto them how hee findes the said accoumpts in order for reporting of the same at the generall meeting of the Company Friday next
03/02/51	3	Whereas Mr Fyennes came to demand satisfaction of the Companie for certaine landes cutt through in Waldersey, notwithstandinge the order made by the commissioners in the Middle Temple Hall on the 13th of January last past touching the same, and in perticular touchinge Mr Rowse who claymed a revision in fees in the said landes, it is therefore ordered that Mr Benefield of councell, with the said Mr Rowse who together with the said Mr Fyennes are desired to attend the Company touching the same on Monday next at two o'clock in the afternoone

05/02/51 1 Earl of Bedford, Mr Latch, Mr Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Trafford, Sir Edward Partherich, Mr John Russell, Mr Castell, Mr Gale, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Ingram, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Robert Henley Jnr

05/02/51 2 Ordered that Richard Gorges Esqr, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, John Carrill Esqr, John Fountayne Esqr bee added to the committee formerly appointed to consider of all matters tending to an adjudication and to prepare a draft thereof with all speede

07/02/51 1 Earle of Bedford, Mr Edward Russell, Lord Chief Justice St John, Mr Gorges, Sir Thomas Thyme, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, John Latch Esqr, William Crane Esqr, Robert Castell Esqr, Colonell Walton, Mr Ingram, Mr Thurloe, Mr Andrew Henley, Mr Gale, Mr Arthur

07/02/51 2 Mr Jessop made this day report to the Companie of the accoumpts as hee found them in the Country *de bene esse* that they were not answerable to the instructions att Wisbich which should have byn pursued and espetially as touching materialls, and as to the number of overseers, the contractes for lande and the method observed therein was very unsafe for the Company

07/02/51 3 Ordered that Mr John Trenchard, Mr Latch and Mr Fountayne or any two of them bee desired to take into consideration the accoumpts stated by Mr Jessop according to the orders of the Companie and Mr Jessop is desired to assist them therein and to report the same to the Companie with all convenient speede

07/02/51 4 Ordered that a letter bee sent to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to this effecte that the Companie are not satisfyed with those indreynes hee mentioned in his last letter, in regard hee named but one in each levell. They therefore desire to know in generall all the indreynes hee [Page 90] intends to make and, in perticular, what hee intends to doe about Pophams Eau and Bevills Leame indreynes. And whereas they are informed that one Newton, an under overseer, was instrumentall in procuringe the north banke of Moretons Leame to bee cutt and did not make it up in due tyme according to the duty of his place, Sir Cornelius Vermuyden is desired to send word whether hee gave directions for the cutting of it and upon what reason and how it comes to passe that the snow lying upon the grownd it was not made up before the floode

07/02/51 5 Ordered that one Newton, an under overseer of the workes, bee turned out of his imployment and not to be enterteyned any more into the service of the Companie

07/02/51 6 Whereas it was moved that Mr Hamond bee desired to contunue his former imployment in the Country after his retorne out of Kent and being generally assented unto, it is ordered that a letter should bee sent unto him to desire him to take upon him the said imployment all the yeare now ensuinge

07/02/51 7 Ordered that on Wednesday next at 2 a clocke in the afternoone is a tyme appointed for sale of all defaulters landes

07/02/51 8 Whereas 4000 acres belonging to Isaac Jones Esqr, being lately purchased of the Companie by John Fountayne Esqr, it is ordered that the perticular places where the said landes lye are not to bee expressed in the conveyance but onely as the said land are entered in the tax roll which rule is to be observed in other deeds from the Companie

07/02/51 9 Ordered that the Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr John Trenchard, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe and Mr Gale or any three of them bee desired to

consider of some fitt person of the Companie to take into consideration in what way to putt the treasury in for the tyme to come

10/02/51 1 Earl of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr, Mr Crane, Mr Latch, Mr Fountayne, Mr Carrill, Mr Castell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Trafford, Mr Gale, Mr Page

10/02/51 2 Whereas Captain Fisher for and on the behalfe of the towne and hundred of Wisbich informed the Companie that the £200, formerly agreed to bee paid, was not sufficient towards the makinge of a bridge in the said towne of Wisbich and therefore hee desired a further contribution to bee made whereupon, and upon readinge a former order of the 27th November last, it is ordered and the Companie doe assent and agree to contribute the some of £250, that is to say one hundred poundes imprest forthwith to bee paid, £100 more part thereof to bee paid when [Page 91] the said bridge is covered with rayles and fiftie poundes remaynder thereof to bee paid when the said bridge is finished, which moneys are to bee paid to the said Captain Fisher and hee is willing to and doe accept thereof, in consideration whereof the said Captain Fisher on the behalfe of the said towne and hundred, does undertake that the said towne and hundred of Wisbech shall build the said bridge accordinge to a note in writinge now delivered on toe the Companie under the hand of the said Captain Fisher and that the middle arch bee prepared with a draw bridge for sayles fitt for navigation and the said towne and hundred of Wisbich from tyme to tyme and at all tymes are to acquitt and discharge the said Companie of Adventurers of and from repayringe and maynteninge the same.

10/02/51 3 It is ordered that Mr Carrill be added to the Committee for examyning the expenditor accoumpts

10/02/51 4 Whereas Captain Harrison came this daie to demand satisfaction of the Companie for damage (as hee alledged done to the towne of Wisbich) by reason of the late cutt in the bancke, whereupon the Companie desired him to sett downe the demand in writing against theire next meetinge which hee assented to bring in accordingly

10/02/51 5 According to an order of the 7th of February instant, wee whose names are subscribed have mett together and have thought fitt for regulating the treasurie of the Companie, to propound as followeth viz -

- To have 4 committees of the treasury and they to employ one receivour approved by the Companie, who shall receive in and paie out all the monyes of the Companie and hee to be constantly resident here at a certaine place and his receipt under his hand to be a sufficient discharge for any mony paid in to the use of the Companie, and enter the same in a booke fayrely kept for that purpose, and the said receivour to have £100 paid salary
- That every person that shall paie any money to the said receivour shall take a receipt under the receivours hand and, upon a weeke after hee hath taken acquittance from the receivour bringe it to the clarke of the Companie or his deputie who shall enter the same in a booke to bee kept for that purpose and then subscribe it entred. And to the ende that noe person may bee ignorant what to doe therein, the receivour shall signifie to every one that payeth the money that hee must cause his acquittance to be entered with the clarke or else it is not valid, and shall upon every acquittance by him signed, write under theis wordes, the acquittance is to be entered with the Clarke of the Companie within a weeke
- That the Receivour shall enter all his receipts and payments in a booke fairly kept for

that purpose and every Monday send the clarke of the Companie under his hand an abstracte of the particular somes by him received and payd the preceding weeke and the partie from and to whome received and paid, [Page 92] which the clarke shall also cause to bee presently entered in a booke to be fayrely kept for that purpose

- That from tyme to tyme, as soone as the said receivour shall have received £100 or more, hee shall give notice thereof to the said committee of the treasury or 3 or so many of them as shall bee then in London or Westminster, to the intent that some may bee put into the treasurye of the Companie, or otherwise disposed, as the said Committee of the treasurie or any 3 or 2 of them shall directe
- That any monies paid or issued by the receivour by the order of the Companie or by warrant from the said Committee of the treasury or any 2 of them under theire handes, shall bee a sufficient discharge to the said receivour.
- That the committee of the treasury may, as they see occasion, permitt the said receivour to have in his handes, upon accoumpt from tyme to tym, the some of £1000 or under for emergent payments and disbursements as they shall thinke fitt
- That the committee of the treasury or any 3 of them may appoint one or more places for disposinge the treasury of the Companie and that, in every place where the said treasury shall be disposed and placed, there shall bee a strong chest with 3 severall locks, whereof 2 keys to one locke, 2 keyes to another locke to be kept by the said committee and the receivour, one key a part to the 3 severall locks, and that there bee a booke kept in every such chest wherein shall bee entred from tyme to tyme every some of money put therein and taken out and the tyme when and signed with the receivours hand and one or more of the committee of the treasury or else 2 or more of the committee of the treasury at the least, and that one of the committee of the treasury at the least and the receivour or else 2 of the committee of the treasury shall bee present when any money is put in or taken out of the said treasury, and in case any of the committee of the treasury hath occasion to bee absent that hee leave his key with one other of the committee of the treasury or such other of the Companie as hee thinkes fitt, and declare to the receivour with whome such key is left that the service of the Companie may not suffer. And that if the receivour bee absent at any tyme with leave of the Companie that hee leave his key with such a deputye for whome hee will answer and as shall bee approved by order of the Companie
- That the committee of the treasury, 2 or more of them, as often as they see cause but every 2 months at the farthest, doe from tyme to tyme cause the receivour to perfecte a perticuler distincte accoumpt of the whole treasury which they shall cause to be signed by the receivour and shall bee also signed by 2 or more of the said committee and fayre entered in a booke to bee kept by the said committee of the treasury in one of the said chests and a copie thereof to bee sent signed as aforesaid from tyme to tyme to the clarke of the said Companie and by him kept and fayre entered in the booke of accoumpts of the Companye
- That Mr William Jessop is thought fit and approved of for receivour
- [Page 93] That John Trenchard Esqr, Robert Henley Esqr, Mr John Thurloe and Thomas Alleyne are desired to bee committee of the treasury and shall bee called the officers of the treasury
- That the Committee of the treasury or any two of them are to give directions for

the issuing out of the moneys of the treasury for the workes of dreyninge and otherwise for the use and service of the Company according to theire orders from tyme to tyme

- That all monies hence forth due and payable to the Companie shall bee paid to the said officers of the treasurye by the handes of the receivors for the tyme being and bee brought into the accoumpts of the treasury

Bedford

Edward Partherich  
John Fountayne

11/02/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Carrill, Mr Fountayne, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr Robert Henley Jnr
11/02/51	2	Upon reading of a letter from Sir Cornelius Vermuyden of the 8th of February instant touchinge the dam at the Horse Shoe, it is ordered that the clarke shew the said letter unto the committee of comptroll or any 5 of them who are desired to make such order there upon touching the said dam as they shall thinke fitt
11/02/51 p.m.	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Mr Robert Henley Snr, Mr Carrill, Mr Fountayne, Mr Thurloe, Mr Gorges, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr Trafford
11/02/51 p.m.	2	Whereas by the abstracte of the accoumpts stated by Mr Jessop it appeares that Captain William Fisher of Wisbech stand charged with £400 and hath not yet given an accoumpt thereof whereupon the said Captain Fisher being present was desired by the Companie to send up an accoumpt of the said £400 expressing the severall vouchers for any mony paid and issued out by him for the use of the Companie which hee agreed to doe accordingly
11/02/51 p.m.	3	Upon readinge a report of the 10th of February instant signed by the Earle of Bedford, Sir Edward Partherich and John Fountayne Esqr, according to an order of the 7th of the same month, it is ordered that the said report bee entered, and that John Trenchard Esqr, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr John Thurloe and Mr Thomas Allen bee officers of the treasury and Mr William Jesop receivor and the said receivor to have £100 annual sallary according the said report and that all other matters <b>[Page 94]</b> propounded by the said report are hereby approved and ordered to bee observed as orders of the Companie and that any order of the Companie for payment of any money and any acquittance of the partie receivinge the money accordingly shall bee a sufficient discharge to the said receivor and the said officers of the treasury are hereby desired forthwith to meete and they, or any 3 of them, to agree of a fitt place or places for disposinge the treasury and providing chests and bookees for the service according to the said report, the charge of which is to bee put upon the accoumpt of the Companie
12/02/51	1	Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esqr, Mr Castell, Mr Fountayne, Mr Crane, Mr Baldwyn Arthur, Mr Latch, Mr Trenchard, Mr Trafford, Mr Thurloe, Mr Carrill, Mr Page
12/02/51	2	Whereas the six 15d taxes imposed upon the 300 acres of Adventurers landes in the 8 <sup>th</sup> lott belonginge to Marke Bradley gent are heitherto unpaid, and whereas the six 15d taxes imposed upon 150 acres of Adventurers landes in the said 8th lott belonginge to John Rye gent are also heithertoe unpaid and whereas 9 15 taxes sett imposed upon 150 acres of Adventurers landes belonginge to John Latham Esqr in the said 8th lott are also heitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstanding several daies have byn from tyme to tyme appointed for payment thereof, now forasmuch as Sir Thomas Hanson knight hath offered to give 7s and 5d per acre and £2.09.02 more, beinge in all £114.19.02 for the purchase of the said 300 acres of Mr Bradleys in the

8th lott and the said Thomas Hanson hath also offered to give 7s 6d an acre, ammountyng to £56.05.00 for the purchase of the said 150 acres of Mr John Ryes in the 8th lott and the said Sir Thomas Hanson hath also offered to give 11s 3d an acre amountinge to £84.07.06 for the purchase of the said 150 acres of the said Mr Lathams in the 8<sup>th</sup> lott, which severall somes of money doe amounte in the whole unto two hundred fiftie five poundes eleaven shillings and eight pence, in consideration whereof and for as much as it beinge there propounded and as noe person or persons have offered to give any more mony for the severall and respective landes above mentioned, this beinge a day appointed for sale thereof, the Companie now present, in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said severall quantytes of 300 acres, 150 acres and 150 acres of Adventurers landes unto him the said Sir Thomas Hanson to have and to hold to him and his heires, payinge forthwith (upon perfectinge the assurance) unto Mr William Jessop for the use of the Companie, 7s 6d an acre for every acre of the said 300 acres and £02.09.02 over and above the same and also payinge unto the said Mr Jessop 7s 6d an acre for every acre of the said 150 acres and payinge also forthwith unto the said Mr Jessop for the use of the Companie (upon perfectinge the assurance as aforesaid) 11p and 3d [Page 95] for every acre of the said other 150 acres and paying and discharginge all future taxes to bee imposed and hereafter to grow due for the said severall quantytes of lande, and it is hereby ordered that the said severall parcells of land shall bee assured to the said Sir Thomas Hanson, his heires and assigned according to the intent of this order in such manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament is lymitted and appointed.

12/02/51 3 Whereas the nyne 15d taxes sett and imposed upon 800 acres of the Adventurers landes in the 6th lott belonginge to Sir Charles Harboard knight are heitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstanding severall daies have byn from tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof, now forasmuch as John Hopkinson hath offered to give 11s 3d an acre and £930 more, beinge in all one thousand three hundred and eighty poundes for the purchase of the said 800 acres of Adventurer landes, in consideration whereof and for as much as noe person or persons have offered to give more money for the said 800 acres, this being a day appointed for sale thereof, the Companie, in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament, doe hereby sell the said 800 acres of Adventurers landes unto the said John Hopkinson for the use of the Companie of Adventurers

12/02/51 4 Whereas Colonell Robert Castell now present having given an accoumpt of £20 which hee stood charged with in the paper of arreres, hee havinge byn formely employed as expenditor and done very good service for the Companie, it is therefore thought fitt and ordered that the said Colonell Castell shall have the £30 allowed and payd unto him by the treasurer for the tyme beinge or deducted out of his taxes due to the Companie

Memorandum that Mr Fountayne dissented to this order

12/02/51 5 Memorand that Robert Henley Snr Esqr does undertake that Captain North shall purchase 500 acres of Sir Myles Sandys in the 10th lott att the rate of 8s an acre

12/02/51 6 Whereas 200 acres of Sir Myles Sandys in the 10th lott being put to sale, Mr Francis Theobalds, being present, offered 20s an acre for the said landes and noe man offering above 18s 6 d per acres besides himselfe though there propounded to sale, it is there upon agreed betweene the Companie and the said Francis Theobalds that hee shall have the said 200 acres conveyed to him and his heires at the rate of 20s per acre which hee is to pay to the cashyre of the Companie towards payment of arrere of taxes due by the said Sir Myles Sandys and it is hereby ordered that a conveyance bee drawne and passed according to the said contracte and the Acte of Parliament in that behalfe

12/02/51 7 [Page 96] Whereas the 4 15d taxes due in May, June, July and August last that were imposed on 709 acres part of 1390 acres of Sir Myles Sandys landes in the 13th lott are hitherto unpaid to the great prejudice of the Companie, notwithstandinge severall daies have byn from tyme to tyme appointed for the payment thereof, now forasmuch as William Crane Esqr, being present for and on the behalfe of John Crane of Cambridge Esqr, offered to give 8s 9d per acre for the purchase of the said 709 acres of Adventure landes, in consideration whereof and forasmuch as noe person or persons have offered to give any more money for the said 709 acres, this beinge a day appointed for sale thereof, the Companie in pursuance and by vertue of the Acte of Parliament doe hereby sell the said 709 acres of Adventure landes unto the said William Crane to have and to hold to him and his heires, payinge forthwith (upon perfectinge and assurance) unto Mr William Jessop for the use of the Companie 8s 9d an acre for every acre of the said 709 acres and also payinge and discharginge all future taxes to bee imposed and hereafter to grow due for the same. And it is hereby ordered that the said 709 acres of Adventure landes shall bee assured to the said John Crane, his heires and assigned according to the intent of this order in such a manner as in and by the said Acte of Parliament is lymitted and appointed

14/02/51 1 Earle of Bedford, Sir Gilbert Gerard, Sir Edward Partherich, Robert Henley Snr Esquire, Mr Latch, Mr Crane, Mr Trafford, Mr Allen, Mr Thurloe, Mr Ingram, Mr Williams, Mr Bladwyn Arthur, Mr Andrey Henley, Mr Page

14/02/51 2 Ordered that Mr James, the accoumptant formerly employed under the treasurer, shall have a fortnights tyme to examyn accoumpts with Mr Jessop, Mr Blanchard and others and to examyn the severall vouchers of the said accoumpts.

14/02/51 3 Amendments agreed upon in the report touching the treasury viz -  
 The word receivor is to bee in stead of the word casheyre throughout  
 And in the last clause but one, the said report these words (and otherwise for the use and service of the Companie according to theire orders from tyme to tyme)  
 Whereas the report of the committee touching the treasury beinge now the 2nd tyme read over, as also the order there upon made, it is now ordered that the said report together with the said order shall bee and are hereby approved of and confirmed.

14/02/51 4 [Page 97] Upon a petition delivered in by Mr Trafford of the towne of Tyd St Giles and inhabitants adjacent, it was desired that the Companie would contribute towards the building of Tritton Bridge standing on Clowes Crosse dreyne, whereupon it is ordered that Mr Hamond bee desired to consider and take a view of the said bridge and see whether it bee fitt for the Companie to contribute thereunto and hee is desired to make report thereof how hee finde the same

14/02/51 5 Ordered and thought fitt that Colonell Robert Castell shall accoumpt to the Companie for the some of £145 upon a bill of exchange between him and Mr Symms of Lynne. In the meane tyme, it is generally agreed that hee is to paie his taxes due to the Companie, and the order of the 12th of February instant for allowing him £30 to be deducted out of his taxes is hereby ordered to bee discharged and made void.

14/02/51 6 It is ordered that Colonell Robert Castell shall be allowed as an increase of his sallary and for his former services done to the Companie the some of thirtie poundes

Mr Fountayne dissents to this order

14/02/51 7 Ordered that Mr Latch bee attended by the clarke with the orders and papers and hee is to be retayned of councill for the Companye against Wednesdaie next at 2 a clocke in the afternoone at the meeting of the Commissioners in the Middle Temple Hall.

17/02/51 1 Mr Fountayne, Mr Latch, Mr Crane, Mr Trenchard, Mr John Russell, Mr Castell, Mr Thurloe, Mr Badwyn Arthur

17/02/51 2 Whereas there was a sale lately made of 4000 acres of Adventure landes late belonging to Isaac Jones Esqr in the 11th and 19th lotts unto John Fountayne Esqr for the some of £1850, it is ordered that the said some of £1850 shall bee paid to Mr Jessop receivor by the said Mr Fountayne and that, upon the receipt thereof, hee doe restore unto Mr Isaac Jones three hundred and fiftie poundes, part of the said £1850 being surplusage over and above the taxes due unto the Companie, and that Mr Jessop take a receite of the said Mr Jones for the said £350.

17/02/51 3 Whereas an additional accoumpt was delivered in this day to the Companie by Colonell Castell whereupon it is thought fitt that the said accoumpt bee hereby referred to Mr Ingram and Mr Lukins, the committee for to take forward accoumpt, and they are desired to make theire report thereof to the Companie with all convenient speed

17/02/51 4 [Page 98] Ordered that every officer that is chosen in the Country for the tyme to come shall not receive any sallary but from the tyme that every such officer entereth upon his imployment

17/02/51 5 Ordered that it be referred to Mr Gorges, Mr Latch, Mr Hamond, Mr Gale, or any one or more of them who, with the assistance of Mr Jessop, are desired to consider of the perticular mischieves and inconveniences in the managine and carryinge on the last yeaeres busines. As also toe consider of the remedyes against the same for the future and therein to take also unto theire consideration how many officers are thought fitt to bee employed in the Country for the next yeaeres workes and theire sallayes

17/02/51 6 Ordered that a letter bee sent to the expenditor to desire him to see that the orders and instructions at Wisbich bee duly observed and put in execution untill further order bee taken therein by the Companie and that no monies bee paid and issued out but according to the same, for noe other payment will be by the Companie allowed.

Earle of Bedford  
Mr Fountayne

17/02/51 7 Whereas upon consideration of the sallary of £100, paid formerly allowed to Mr Jessop the receivor, the Companie doe finde that he is not able to performe the service expected from him if receiving and payinge and [ corner of page missing] - issuinge of monyes, constant attendance and auditing of those such accoumpts as the Companie shall entrust him to do and other necessary busines incident to his imployment but that hee must necessarily have some further assistance by others to bee employed by him, it is ordered that there bee £100 paid more added to his former sallary there which to satisfie such as hee shall employ under him, and that hee does when hee shall bee absent employ such sufficient agents under him as hee will be responsible for, and constantly resident here and attending the service. And this addition of sallary to beginne the 1st March next att which tyme the sallaryes of 20s per weeke formerly allowed to the casheyre and accoumptants to cease. And in the meane tyme, there to perfecte the accoumpts of the treasury against which first of March Mr Henley, the

present treasurer, is hereby desired to perfecte an entyre accoumpt and to present it to the Companie.